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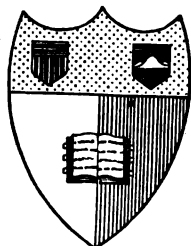
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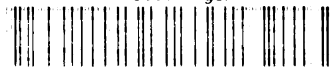
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INTRODUCTION.

AT the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, held in February, 1869, the Grand High Priest and his associate Grand Officers were directed to compile and cause to be printed five hundred copies of the Transactions of the Grand Chapter from its organization in 1798 to 1868, and to furnish a copy thereof to each Subordinate Chapter of the State.

The compilation and publication were entrusted to the Grand Secretary by his associates of the Grand Officers. Fully aware of the importance of the work thus committed to his hands, he used every means at his command to make it as complete a record of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, during the seventy years which had passed since its organization, as circumstances would permit. The results of his labor are shown in the two volumes now presented to his Companions.

The earlier records of the Grand Chapter were found to be imperfect in many respects, and frequently difficult of explanation. It was not until 1849 that the proceedings of the Grand Chapter were published in full, and yet the work now laid before the Craft will be found to embrace a very complete synopsis of the transactions of previous years.

If much of the matter now published in the proceedings of the earlier years of the history of the Grand Chapter has ceased, through the lapse of time, to be of general interest, let

it be remembered that its publication was necessary in order to complete the design, and that in it we have now forever perpetuated and placed within the reach of all inquirers the only authentic history of the proceedings of the fathers of caputular masonry, within this jurisdiction, whose names and memories will ever command the respect and veneration of the Craft.

The proceedings since the year 1848 are here presented very nearly as originally published.

The compiler would be remiss to his duty, and do violence to his own feelings, if he failed on this occasion to make public acknowledgment of the obligations he is under to many distinguished Companions for timely and valuable counsel; but especially would he return his thanks to M.: E.: JOHN W. SIMONS, Grand High Priest, 1869-70, for words of encouragement and expressions of confidence, by which he felt his arduous task made lighter.

Nor would he omit to make due acknowledgment to the printers of the proceedings, Messrs. MATTHEWS & WARREN, of this city, for the unremitting pains which they have taken to make their work so satisfactory a specimen of the typographical art.

CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,

Grand Secretary.

BUFFALO, December 1st, 1871.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER.

1798.

TEMPLE Lodge Room, Albany, New York, 14th March,
1798: Agreeably to the sixth article of the Constitution
of the Grand Chapter of the Northern States of America, the
following Royal Arch Masons from their several Royal Arch
Chapters within this State, being duly assembled in conformity
to said Constitution, viz.:

Comp. SAMUEL EDMONDS, Jun., . . .	H.: P.: }	Hudson Chapter.
" THOMAS FROTHINGHAM, . . .	K.: }	
Comp. JOHN HANMER, . . .	H.: P.: }	Temple Chapter.
" GIDEON FAIRMAN, . . .	K.: }	
" SABASTIAN VISCHER, . . .	S.: }	
Comp. CALEB B. MERRILL, . . .	H.: P.: }	Horeb Chapter.
" JEDEDIAH SANGER, . . .	K.: }	
" GEORGE KASSECK, . . .	S.: }	
Comp. THOMAS SMITH WEBB, (proxy,) . . .		Hibernian Chapter.
Comp. DANIEL HALE, Jun., . . .	H.: P.: }	Montgomery Chapter.
" ASHBEL MEACHAM, . . .	K.: }	

The above named Companions produced their respective
authorities from their several Chapters, and proceeded as fol-
lows:

For the more effectual purpose of promoting harmony and
regularity, and in conformity to ancient usage, the Companions
present found it necessary to elect a Chairman and Secretary,
whereupon Companion THOMAS FROTHINGHAM was unanimously
chosen Chairman, and Companion SABASTIAN VISCHER, Secretary.

The Constitution was read by Companion THOMAS SMITH

WEBB, and in conformity to the eighth section thereof it was unanimously

Resolved, That this Committee proceed to the choice of officers for the government of this Deputy Grand Chapter.

The following Companions were regularly chosen by ballot, viz. :

Comp. DEWITT CLINTON,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" THOMAS FROTHINGHAM,	Deputy Grand King.
" JEDEDIAH SANGER,	Deputy Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HANMER,	Deputy Grand Secretary.
" AMI ROGERS,	Deputy Grand Chaplain.
" THOMAS S. WEBB,	Deputy Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN C. TEN BROECK,	Deputy Grand Marshal.
" BENJAMIN WHIPPLE,	Deputy Grand Sentinel.
" ISAAC STURGES,	Deputy Grand Tiler.

Companion FROTHINGHAM, being the oldest High Priest present, proceeded to install the Deputy Grand High Priest elect; which being done, the Deputy Grand High Priest installed all the officers elect that were present; all of which was done in ancient form and with due decorum.

After the installation, our Most Illustrious Companion DEWITT CLINTON, Deputy Grand High Priest, delivered a very pathetic and affectionate address on the laudability of this institution, and the necessity of adopting the same.

The Deputy Grand Chapter was then opened in ample form.

Motion was made and seconded, that a Committee be chosen to draft a code of By-Laws for the government of this Chapter, which was unanimously agreed to, and the following Companions were appointed for that purpose :

Comp. JOHN HANMER,	Temple Chapter,	Albany.
" SAMUEL EDMONDS,	Hudson "	Hudson.
" CALEB B. MERRELL,	Horeb "	Whitestown.
" THOMAS S. WEBB,	Hibernian "	New York.
" DANIEL HALE, JUN.,	Montgomery "	Stillwater.

Chapter was closed in due form until next morning, and then to be opened precisely at ten o'clock.

By order of the Deputy Grand High Priest.

Deputy Grand Chapter opened in ample form, 15th March, 1798, at ten o'clock A. M.

COMPANIONS PRESENT:

THOMAS FROTHINGHAM,	D.: G.: H.: P.: <i>pro tem.</i>
JEDEDIAH SANGER,	D.: G.: K.: <i>pro tem.</i>
GEORGE KASSECK,	D.: G.: S.: <i>pro tem.</i>
JOHN HANMER,	D.: G.: Secretary.
THOMAS S. WEBB,	D.: G.: Treasurer.
SAMUEL EDMONDS,	_____
CALEB B. MERRELL,	_____
SEBASTIAN VISCHER,	_____
DANIEL HALE, Jun.,	_____
ASHBEL MEACHAM,	_____
BENJAMIN WHIPPLE,	D.: G.: Sentinel.
ISAAC STURGES,	D.: G.: Tiler.

The Committee appointed to draft a code of By-Laws for the government of this Chapter made their report, which was read by Companion THOMAS S. WEBB. The report was afterwards read by paragraph, and, after some alterations and amendments, was unanimously adopted.

Companions JOHN HANMER, THOMAS S. WEBB, and SABASTIAN VISCHER, were appointed a Committee to superintend the printing of the By-Laws, to draw up a form of a Warrant, to have the same printed, and to procure a seal for the use of the Chapter.

Chapter adjourned until next morning at ten o'clock.

Deputy Grand Chapter, 16th March, 1798, met according to adjournment.

Companions JOHN HANMER, GIDEON FAIRMAN, and SABASTIAN VISCHER, were chosen a Committee to receive applications from different Chapters and Mark Lodges within this State for Warrants of Constitution, to confirm them in their proceedings according to the resolution of this Convention, and to grant such Warrants to all Chapters and Lodges aforesaid that are not under the authority of this Deputy Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the Treasurer have power to pay out of the treasury the necessary expenses of printing, furnishing books, paper, seal, Sentinel and Tiler fees, for tiling the Chapter. And that the Secretary be allowed to draw on said treasury for such sums of money as will defray the expense of postages of letters and parcels, on account of the Deputy Grand Chapter.

Companion FROTHINGHAM asked leave to withdraw, which was granted, and Companion ELISHA JENKINS, Scribe of Hudson Chapter, was appointed proxy to transact all matters and things concerning this Chapter in his stead.

Chapter closed in due form until 29th day of January, 1799, unless cases of emergency should require it to be opened sooner, of which all the Chapters within this State, as well as Lodges under its authority, shall be duly notified.

JOHN HANMER,
D.: G.: Secretary.

1799.

GRAND Chapter, State of New York, opened in ample form, in Temple Lodge Room, in the City of Albany, January 29th, 5799.

PRESENT:

Comp. THOMAS FROTHINGHAM,	Grand King,	
" JEDEDIAH SANGER,	Grand Scribe,	K.: Horeb Chapter.
" JOHN HANMER, . . .	Grand Secretary,	P.: H.: P.: Temple Ch.
" THOMAS S. WEBB, . . .	Grand Treasurer,	H.: P.: " "
" JOHN C. TEN BROECK,	Grand Marshal,	
" BENJAMIN WHIPPLE, . .	Grand Sentinel,	
" ISAAC STURGES, . . .	Grand Tiler,	
" THOMAS NORTON, . . .	_____	H.: P.: Hudson Chapter.
" EZRA AMES, . . .	_____	
" JAMES NIXON, JUN., . .	_____	
" SAMUEL EDMONDS, . . .	_____	
" THOMAS EARL, . . .	_____	

The Companions produced vouchers of their respective appointments as proxies, which were approved.

January 29th, 1799 (continued from three o'clock). All the members attended, with Comp. MEACHAM, from MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, who produced his credentials, and was accepted.

Motion was made and seconded, that the Chapter proceed to the election of officers, which was agreed to, and the following were regularly chosen agreeably to the Constitution, and duly installed, viz.:

Comp. DEWITT CLINTON	Grand High Priest.
" THOMAS SMITH WEBB,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" THOMAS FROTHINGHAM,	Grand King.
" JEDEDIAH SANGER,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HANMER,	Grand Secretary.
" EZRA AMES,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN C. TEN BROECK,	Grand Marshal.
" JOHN F. ERNST,	Grand Chaplain.
" BENJAMIN WHIPPLE,	Inside Sentinel.
" ISAAC STURGES,	Grand Tiler.

Grand Chapter then adjourned until seven o'clock P. M., at which time it was opened on the Mark degree.

Officers and brethren present as before, with the addition of Bro. THOMAS BULL.

Bro. THOMAS BULL presented a petition from several Mark Master Masons, praying to obtain a Warrant to hold a Lodge at Fort Edward.

Similar petitions were also presented from brethren in Granville and Bennington; a petition was also presented from several Royal Arch Masons in New York, all of which were ordered laid over until the Committee report the necessary alterations in the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter.

Mark Lodge closed in due form until three o'clock P. M. tomorrow.

JANUARY 30TH.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

PRESENT: Comp. DEWITT CLINTON, Grand High Priest, and associate officers and Companions as before.

The Committee appointed to prepare regulations submitted a report, which was adopted; and Comps. THOMAS S. WEBB, EZRA AMES, and JEDEDIAH SANGER, were appointed a Committee to superintend the printing of the same, as well as the blanks for the use of the Grand Secretary.

A subscription was ordered to be taken to defray the expense of printing the By-Laws, and the sum of \$10.00 was collected.

A dispensation was granted to several Royal Arch Masons to hold a Chapter in the City of New York, by the name of JERUSALEM CHAPTER.

Warrants were granted to hold Lodges of Mark Master Masons at Granville, Bennington, Stillwater and Fort Edward.

Horeb Chapter, paid fees,	\$8 00
Stillwater " "	3 75
Temple " "	4 50
Hudson " "	5 00
Montgomery Mark Lodge, paid fees,	2 35
Orange " " "	85
Jerusalem Chapter, paid fees,	40 00
Stillwater Mark Lodge, paid fees,	2 00
Bennington " " "	5 00
Granville " "	2 00

The Grand Chapter adjourned until 10 o'clock, 31st inst., and a Mark Lodge was opened, when a lecture was given in ample and ancient form, and the Lodge was closed.

JANUARY 31ST.

The Grand Chapter convened at ten o'clock.

PRESENT:—Comp. THOMAS S. WEBB, Deputy, as Grand High Priest and other Companions as before.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Resolved, That a delegate be appointed to superintend the different Chapters and Mark Lodges in this State, to establish an uniform mode of working and lecturing, according to the directions of the Grand Officers.

Comp. JOHN HANMER was then appointed for that purpose.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be given to Comp. THOMAS S. WEBB, for the uniform and attentive manner in which he has conducted the representation of this Grand Chapter in the General Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That every Royal Arch Mason, on application to the Grand Secretary for a certificate, shall pay the sum of two dollars for the same, and that no Mason can procure such certificate without producing a certificate from the Lodge or Chapter where he shall or might have belonged.

The Grand Chapter closed in harmony until the third Tuesday in January, 1800.

JOHN HANMER,
Grand Secretary.

1800.

THE Grand Chapter convened in Temple Lodge Room, in the City of Albany, on the 21st day of January, 1800.

A Mark Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due form and with prayer by Bro. J. F. ERNST, Grand Chaplain.

PRESENT:

Bro. THOMAS FROTHINGHAM,	. . .	Master, <i>pro tem.</i>
" G. BOGART,	. . . . .	Senior Warden, <i>pro tem.</i>
" G. FAIRMAN,	. . . . .	Junior Warden, <i>pro tem.</i>
" EZRA AMES,	. . . . .	Treasurer.
" JOHN HANMER,	. . . . .	Secretary.

And Brethren ALLANSON, COOK, VISCHER, and PORTER, together with several visitors.

Sundry returns were made, which were ordered to be filed, and the Mark Lodge was closed in form, after which the Grand Chapter was duly opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Comp. THOMAS FROTHINGHAM, as Grand High Priest. Officers and Companions as reported in the Mark degree.

Agreeably to the first article of the General Regulations, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were duly elected.

Comp. DEWITT CLINTON,	. . . . .	Grand High Priest.
" EZRA AMES,	. . . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" THOMAS FROTHINGHAM,	. . . . .	Grand King.
" SAMUEL EDMONDS,	. . . . .	Grand Scribe.
" RICHARD ALLANSON,	. . . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" G. BOGART,	. . . . .	Grand Secretary.
" JOHN F. ERNST,	. . . . .	Grand Chaplain.
" E. PORTER,	. . . . .	Grand Marshal.
" BENJAMIN WHIPPLE,	. . . . .	Inside Sentinel.
" ISAAC STURGES,	. . . . .	Grand Tiler.

Adjourned to the 22d inst., at nine o'clock.

JANUARY 22D.

Grand Chapter resumed its session and proceeded to install the officers as follows:

Comp. EZRA AMES,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" GERRIT BOGART,	Grand Secretary
" RICHARD ALLANSON,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN F. ERNST,	Grand Chaplain.
" ELIJAH PORTER,	Grand Marshal.

In the absence of Comp. SAMUEL EDMONDS (who was elected Grand Scribe) it was resolved that a new election be had, whereupon Comp. WETMORE was unanimously elected Grand Scribe and duly installed.

A communication was received from Comp. WEBB, inclosing his official proceedings, which were approved.

Resolved, That a M.: M.: Warrant be granted to ZEBULON R. SHEPHERD, M.:., REUBEN SKINNER, S.: W.:., and JOSEPH W. CHASE, J.: W.:.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter approves of the proceedings in the Mark Lodge this session.

Comp. WETMORE stated that it was the intention of Comp. HANMER and himself to publish a treatise on masonry in the royal arch writing, which work would be attended with much expense, and in order that it might meet with a ready and extensive circulation they humbly solicited the sanction of the Grand Chapter in the publication thereof.

Whereupon Companions AMES, ERNST, and FAIRMAN, were elected a Committee to examine the production, and were authorized in behalf of the Grand Chapter to publicly sanction the same if it should meet with their approbation.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter retain the Warrant of MASTER'S MARK LODGE in this city, and pay the sum of \$10.00 for the same, together with the moneys advanced for the Dispensation, after the fees be deducted for the MASTER'S CHAPTER last year.

Resolved, That Comp. AMES be the Grand Visitor.

Resolved, That the first article of the General Regulations of this Grand Chapter be repealed, and the future meetings of the Grand Chapter com-

mence on the first Tuesday in February, annually, in the City of Albany, and that the officers be elected and installed at any time during the session.

Resolved, That Comps. BOGART, ALLANSON, and FAIRMAN, be a Committee to examine and audit the accounts of the late Treasurer and Secretary.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter thanks Comp. ERNST for his excellent and suitable address and prayer delivered at the opening of the Grand Chapter, and that Comps. COOK, FAIRMAN, and WETMORE, be a Committee to request a copy for publication; and that the said Committee cause five hundred copies to be printed at the expense of this Grand Chapter, and sold under the superintendence of said Committee, and that the proceeds be paid to our Companion ERNST.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars out of the funds be paid by the Secretary to Comp. ERNST for his services.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to furnish this Grand Chapter with a sufficient chest to contain the books, etc., belonging to the Grand Chapter, and that said Committee be empowered to procure a suitable dress for the Grand Officers, according to the ancient form, with such other requisites as may be wanted for the general good and sole purpose of this Grand Chapter, and that the said Committee be empowered to draw on the treasury for the same.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter allow the sum of ten dollars annually for the use of this room to Temple Lodge and Chapter.

Adjourned to four o'clock P. M., at which time a M.: M.: Lodge was opened in due form.

Bro. AMES presiding as Master.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the different M.: M.: Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, to purchase a number of copies of the address and prayer delivered by Bro. ERNST at the opening of the said Grand Chapter in the Mark Degree.

Mark lecture was then given from the chair.

Lodge closed in due form *sine die*.

GERRIT BOGART,
Grand Secretary.

1801.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, opened in due form in Temple Lodge room, in the City of Albany, February 3d, A. L. 5801.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was duly opened at eleven o'clock A. M.

PRESENT:

BRO. EZRA AMES,	Master.
" GIDEON FAIRMAN,	Senior Warden.
" WARREN SMITH,	Junior Warden.
" DANIEL BULL,	Master Overseer.
" THOMAS ROGERS,	Senior Overseer.
" ZEBULON R. SHEPHERD,	Junior Overseer.
" RICHARD ALLANSON,	Treasurer.
" GERRIT BOGART,	Secretary.
" JOHN F. ERNST,	Chaplain,
" ELIJAH PORTER,	Marshal.
" ISAAC STURGES,	Tiler.

Brethren **JOHN MACAULEY, JOHN SCOVILLE, ANDREW McCARTY, JEDEDIAH SANGER, WILLIAM EFFNOR, J. CANTLEY,** and **BENJ. WHIPPLE.**

Visitors: Brethren **O. PENNIMAN, CHR. C. YATES,** and **SIMEON LESTER** (Vermont).

After the transaction of some comparatively unimportant business, the Master and Wardens were appointed a Committee to wait on the Grand High Priest, and the Lodge then adjourned until two o'clock P. M.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons reconvened at two o'clock, and was opened in due form.

PRESENT:—Bro. **DEWITT CLINTON** in the Chair.

Officers and Brethren as before, with the addition of Br. **A. SKINNER, EATON, GILBERT, BUTLER, S. VISCHER,** and **JAMES KENTLY.**

The Lodge was duly in order, when the Rev. **JOHN F. ERNST** delivered an oration suitable to the present occasion, for which thanks were tendered and a copy requested for publication.

Bro. DEWITT CLINTON then withdrew, and Bro. AMES took the chair.

The Lodge then adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Grand Chapter was then opened on the Royal Arch degree in due form.

PRESENT:

Comp. EZRA AMES,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JEDEDIAH SANGER,	Grand King, <i>pro tem.</i>
" THOMAS ROGERS,	Grand Scribe, <i>pro tem.</i>
" RICHARD ALLANSON,	Grand Treasurer.
" GERRIT BOGART,	Grand Secretary.
" JOHN F. ERNST,	Grand Chaplain.
" ELIJAH PORTER,	Grand Marshal.
" BENJAMIN WHIPPLE,	Inside Sentinel.
" ISAAC STURGES,	Grand Tiler.

And Comps. EATON, WARREN SMITH, JOHN SCOVILLE, JOHN MACAULEY, SIMEON LESTER, GIDEON FAIRMAN, and ZEBULON R. SHEPHERD.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

M.: E.: DEWITT CLINTON,	Grand High Priest.
Comp. EZRA AMES,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" WARREN SMITH,	Grand King.
" ZEBULON R. SHEPHERD,	Grand Scribe.
" RICHARD ALLANSON,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
" Rev. JOHN F. ERNST,	Grand Chaplain.
" SIMEON LESTER	Grand Marshal.
" BENJAMIN WHIPPLE,	Inside Sentinel.
" ISAAC STURGES,	Grand Tiler.

The Deputy Grand High Priest reported that he had granted a dispensation to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in the town of Granville, by the name of FAYETTE CHAPTER, and that he received thirty dollars with their Mark dispensation for the same.

Also, a dispensation for opening and holding a M.: M.: Lodge, in the town of Coeymans, by the name of ASYLUM M.: M.: LODGE, for which they deposited in the hands of Comp. BOGART, Grand Secretary, ten dollars.

Likewise a dispensation to several Companions for opening and holding a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in the city of Schenectady, by the name of CYRUS CHAPTER, for which they paid thirty dollars and returned their Mark Warrant, and that the above sums of money, except the ten dollars for a dispensation granted to hold a M. M. Lodge in Coeymans, had remained in his hands, and he had now paid it to the present Grand Secretary.

The proceedings of the Deputy Grand High Priest were approved by the Grand Chapter.

Comp. EZRA AMES presented an account against the Grand Chapter for a mitre and breast plate, amounting to \$31.50, which was allowed and ordered to be paid out of the funds.

Committees were appointed, to examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and also to wait on the Grand High Priest and inform him of his re-election.

A Warrant was granted to open and hold a Chapter, in the town of Granville, by the name of DE LA FAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 9, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out said Warrant.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until half past eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

FEBRUARY 4TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

M. M. Lodge opened in due form.

Warrants were granted to open and hold Lodges of Mark Master Masons at Coeymans (No. 18) and New Lebanon.

A petition was presented from PHENIX M. M. LODGE, No. 7, and was referred to Br. AMES, PORTER, and SHEPHERD, as a Committee to examine its merits and report.

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 4TH, HALF PAST ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree agreeably to adjournment.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the prayer of ADONIJAH SKINNER and others, praying the Grand Chapter to grant them a Warrant for opening and holding a Chapter, in the Town of Cambridge and County of Washington, by the name of FEDERAL CHAPTER, No. 10, be granted.

Resolved, That the prayer of R. G. WETMORE, JAMES ADAMS, WM. J. TELLER and others, praying the grant of a Warrant to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in the City of Schenectady, by the name of CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 11, be granted.

The Committee appointed to examine and take into consideration the petition of PHENIX M. M. LODGE, No. 7, reported,

That they are of opinion that the prayer of the petition cannot be granted, for the following reason: that the article complained of in the Constitution is one of the regulations of the General Grand Chapter of the Northern States which we have not the power to alter.

It was resolved to allow the Grand Secretary the sum of fifteen dollars for his services.

The sum of forty dollars was voted to the Grand Chaplain for his services.

The Grand Officers were then duly installed, and the Grand Chapter was then adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 4TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter opened in due form on the Mark Degree agreeably to adjournment.

A memorial was presented from several brethren of MASTER'S LODGE, No. 2, of the City of Albany, as follows:

To the Grand Chapter of the State of New York:

The memorial of the subscribers humbly sheweth,—That about two years since they were members of a Mark Lodge, in the City of Albany, by the name of MASTER'S MARK LODGE, No. 2, that some of us being Royal Arch Masons, determined, with a number of others, to obtain a Warrant for a Chapter, and for that purpose agreed and entered into a resolution to deliver to the Grand Secretary their Warrant for a Mark Lodge, upon condition that the Grand Secretary should receipt therefor and promise to deliver them by a certain day a Chapter Warrant or return the one so receipted for; that at the last session of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Secretary delivered up to the Grand Chapter their Mark Warrant contrary to his receipt and

promise, and contrary to the wishes and intentions of the subscribers and the members of the said Mark Lodge.

Your memorialists, therefore, pray that the Grand Chapter will restore them their Warrant, and deliver the same to their brother SABASTIAN VISCHER, who they have authorized to transact the business and to do all such acts as he may think proper for your memorialists.

PETER TRYER,
JAMES LAGRANGE,
EBENR. SMITH,
ALEX. WEBB,
BENJ. WHIPPLE.

The prayer of the petitioners was unanimously rejected.

A lecture was given from the Chair in the Mark degree for the benefit of the members, and then it was

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter be closed on the Mark degree without day.

Closed in the utmost harmony.

FEBRUARY 4TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form on the Royal Arch degree, agreeably to adjournment.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

That the Grand Secretary furnish each of the Mark Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters in this jurisdiction the name and number of such Lodges and Chapters.

That \$15.00 be paid to Temple Lodge for the use of the room and other necessities during the session.

That 500 copies of Comp. ERNST's prayer and oration be printed and distributed gratis to the Mark Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters in this jurisdiction.

That Comp. AMES be appointed a Committee to procure robes and other proper clothing for the first officers of the Grand Chapter.

Authorizing the Grand Secretary to call on the several Mark Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters heretofore neglecting to make returns agreeably to the regulations of the Grand Chapter, and receive said returns during the recess of the Grand Chapter.

Directing every Mark Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter in the jurisdiction to be furnished with a seal on or before the first day of the session of the Grand Chapter, and that the device engraved thereon should be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, and all documents thereafter should be

sealed therewith and impressed in such manner as to compare with the entry aforesaid.

Appointing Comp. EZRA AMES Grand Visitor for the ensuing year.

Allowing the Inside Sentinel fourteen shillings per day, and the Tiler sixteen shillings per day, for their services during the session.

Confirming the resolutions adopted during the session when opened in the Mark degree.

Comp. CHRISTOPHER LEFFINGWELL presented an account for refreshments furnished the Grand Chapter, amounting to £1 3s. 9d., which was ordered paid.

A lecture was given from the Chair in the Royal Arch degree for the benefit of the members present.

The Grand Chapter was then closed until the first Tuesday in February, 5802.

JOHN SCOVILLE,
Grand Secretary.

1802.

GRAND Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, opened in due form, in Temple Lodge Room, in the Mark Degree, Albany, 2d February, 1802, A.: L.: 5802, at eleven o'clock A. M.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
Comp. ZEBULON R. SHEPHERD,	Grand Scribe.
“ RICHARD ALLANSON,	Grand Treasurer.
“ JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
“ JOHN F. ERNST,	Grand Chaplain.
“ ISAAC STURGES,	Grand Tiler.

Comps. JEDEDIAH SANGER, JOHN MACAULEY, JOSEPH FRY, SABASTIAN VISCHER, ABM. D. LANSING, SAMUEL EDMONDS, JOHN BUTLER, ELISHA GILBERT, JUN., SAMUEL F. JONES, and CALVIN THOMPSON.

The Lodge was opened with a well adapted prayer by the Grand Chaplain, after which the Brethren produced proper vouchers of their respective appointments as proxies, which were approved, and took their seats.

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 2D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Mark Masters Lodge opened agreeably to adjournment.

PRESENT:—EZRA AMES, and officers and Companions as before, together with the following visitors:

G. FAIRMAN, C. LEFFINGWELL, STANTON BROWN, O. PENNIMAN, G. BOGART, and P. HOOKER.

Comp. JOHN F. ERNST, Grand Chaplain, delivered a well adapted oration, prepared for this occasion, with suitable prayers, for which the thanks of the Grand Chapter were voted, and a Committee was appointed to wait on him for that purpose, and request a copy for publication.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer shall annually give such security as this Chapter shall approve, for the money he has in hand, at the close of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Whereupon the following members were duly elected, to wit:

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" ZEBULON R. SHEPHERD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" SAMUEL EDMONDS,	Grand King.
" JOHN BUTLER,	Grand Scribe.
W.: JOSEPH FRY,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
" JOHN F. ERNST,	Grand Chaplain.
" ABM. D. LANSING,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. ISAAC STURGES,	Grand Sentinel.
W.: JOHN MACAULEY,	Grand Visitor.

Adjourned to nine o'clock A. M., 3d February, when the M.: M.: Lodge was again opened agreeably to adjournment.

No business was transacted, and the Mark Lodge adjourned without day.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter opened in due form, on the Royal Arch Degree, at ten o'clock A. M., 3d February, A.: L.: 5802.

PRESENT:— Officers and Companions as before.

Comp. ELIJAH PORTER produced his credentials, and took his seat.

Resolved, That every Chapter and Mark Lodge within this jurisdiction shall, within one year, furnish itself with a seal, and send an impression thereof to the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That Companions EZRA AMES, SABASTIAN VISCHER, and JOHN MACAULEY, be a Committee to draft a new Constitution for this Grand Chapter, together with such illustrations, rules, and orders as they may deem necessary and proper; and that they report the same by the next annual meeting of this Grand Chapter; and that, in the interim, the Grand Secretary shall furnish the Chapters and Mark Lodges under this jurisdiction with such rules and orders as have been, or shall be, passed during this session.

Comps. BUTLER, GILBERT, and JONES, of LEBANON CHAPTER, requested the Grand Chapter to grant them a Warrant agreeably to their letter of dispensation, which had expired, whereupon, it was

Resolved, That a Warrant be granted to LEBANON CHAPTER.

The grand officers elect were then installed.

A Committee was appointed to settle the Grand Secretary's and (late) Grand Treasurer's accounts, and report to the Grand Chapter as speedily as possible.

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

The Grand Chapter opened according to adjournment, at three o'clock P. M., 3d February, 5802.

PRESENT:—M.: E.: EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest, and officers and Companions as before.

Resolved, As the sense of this Grand Chapter, that all subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges under this jurisdiction, instead of the sums annually paid by them to this Grand Chapter for advancements, exaltations, or annual dues, agreeably to the former regulations hereof, shall only be obliged to pay for each brother advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason the sum of twenty-five cents; and for each brother Mark Master Mason's annual dues, the sum of twenty-five cents; for each Companion exalted to the degree of Royal Arch, the sum of \$1.00, and for his annual dues the sum of fifty cents.

The Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, were appointed a Committee to correspond with, and receive communications from, the several Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the Northern States of America.

A communication, in the nature of a complaint, was presented from Bro. J. DAVIS, Master of HUDSON M.: M.: LODGE, No. 3, representing the action of the Lodge, which resulted in the expulsion of certain of its members, and reciting the conduct of those persons in libeling the officers and members, and breaking into the Lodge while in session.

The communication was referred to a Committee to examine and report thereon with all convenient speed.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was fixed at \$30.00 for the ensuing year; and \$40.00 was voted to the Grand Chaplain for his services during the past year.

Comps. VISCHER, ALLANSON and others, renewed their application for a Warrant to open a Chapter at MASTER'S LODGE.

The application was referred to a Committee, with directions to report thereon during the sitting of this Grand Chapter.

A petition from the members of ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, holden at Stamford, Delaware County, praying to come under the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the Northern States of America, and particularly under the rules and regulations of this Grand Chapter, was read, whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the Grand Secretary be directed to make out their Warrant.

Adjourned to ten o'clock A. M., 4th inst.

FEBRUARY 4TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter was duly opened.

PRESENT:—M. E. EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest, and officers and Companions as before.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to write to the two Chapters in New York (at present not under this jurisdiction), and inform them that if they come in by the first day of September next they will rank as was mentioned in a former communication; but if they refuse, all correspondence will be cut off from them, and all Chapters under their jurisdiction.

A resolution was adopted earnestly recommending all Chapters and Mark Lodges to be represented, either by the officers or by proxy, on the first day of each session of the Grand Chapter; and the Grand Secretary was appointed a Committee to communicate the resolution to all Chapters and Lodges in the jurisdiction.

TEMPLE CHAPTER was allowed \$10.00 for the use of the room during this session.

On motion, 300 copies of the oration delivered by the Grand Chaplain, at the opening of the Grand Chapter, were ordered printed, fifty copies to be delivered to him as soon as printed.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Comps. VISCHER and others, for a Warrant to hold a Chapter in the City of Albany, submitted a report that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted for the following reasons: 1st. At the rising of the Grand Chapter in the year 1800,

the dispensation and Chapter became extinct—a new recommendation ought to accompany a new petition for a Warrant agreeably to the intent and meaning of the Constitution. 2d. If a new recommendation was not necessary, and the dispensation was a sufficient voucher for that requirement of the Constitution, there being less than nine petitioners praying for a Warrant, who were formerly recommended by TEMPLE CHAPTER, it would be improper to grant a Warrant.

The Committee further reported that, from facts appearing in their examination of the case, the persons named in the Warrant authorized to hold a Mark Lodge in the City of Albany, by the name of MASTER'S M.: M.: LODGE, ought to have the old Warrant, or a new one named and numbered as that was.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter do recommend to TEMPLE CHAPTER, that it recommend S. VISCHER, R. ALLANSON, J. KINNEAR, B. WHIPPLE, J. McELROY, JR., A. WEBB, J. KIRKE, and P. DUFF, to obtain a Dispensation or Warrant to open and hold a Chapter in the city of Albany.

The Grand Chapter approved of Comp. G. BOGART, as security for the Grand Treasurer for such moneys as might be paid him, and instructed the Committee in charge of the funds to take security in double the sum paid the Grand Treasurer, and that such security be taken in the names of the G.: H.: P.:, D.: G.: H.: P.:, G.: K.:, and G.: S.:

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M. this day.

FEBRUARY 4TH, TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The grand Chapter was opened in the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—EZRA AMES, and brethren heretofore reported.

The recommendation of several brethren of CAMPBELL M.: M.: LODGE, Duanesbush, was read, wherein they represented that Bro. PRIME DOTY was a worthy object of the hospitality of this Grand Chapter, his house and furniture having been recently destroyed by fire, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary draw an order on the Grand Treasurer for \$25.00 for his relief.

A lecture was given in this degree for the benefit of the

members present, after which the Grand Chapter was closed in this degree without day.

FEBRUARY 4TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—M.: E.: EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest, officers, and Companions as before, with the addition of Comp. E. Root.

The Grand Secretary was directed to cause all resolutions adopted at this session to be printed, and furnish each Chapter and Mark Lodge with two copies thereof.

A resolution was adopted approving all the proceedings had in the Mark degree during the session.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the (late) Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, reported that they had attentively examined the same, and found that there was due the Grand Chapter, from the late Grand Treasurer, the sum of \$157.54; and they recommended that an order be issued by the Grand Secretary for the books, vouchers, and moneys, in his hands.

Agreeably to the above report, the Grand Secretary issued the order as directed, and the books, vouchers, and moneys, were delivered to the Committee, and put in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, who rendered security according to the terms of a former resolution.

Sundry accounts were presented and allowed, as follows:

JOHN SCOVILLE, for printing,	\$37 88
HENRY LYONS,	2 84
CHRISTOPHER LEFFINGWELL,	4 81
GRAND TILER, for three days' attendance,	7 50
Total,	<u>\$53 03</u>

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Master of HUDSON MARK LODGE, No. 3, touching the conduct of persons referred to in said communication, reported as follows:

Your Committee have carefully examined the facts contained in the communication, and are of opinion that the officers and members of the Lodge

acted with a laudable *masonic firmness* in excluding the persons named from their society and fellowship; and that the said OLIVER WHITAKER, DAVID R. WALDO, and JONATHAN PURINGTON, are undeserving of masonic benefits, and ought to be refused admission into any Lodge or Chapter, as members or visitors, until they shall have made suitable recantation for their unwarrantable behavior.

Your Committee beg leave further to report, that they humbly conceive this Grand Chapter cannot further interfere in the premises than by avowing their approbation of the Lodge, and disapprobation of the conduct of the brethren discarded.

Your Committee therefore recommend the following resolution to be adopted:

Resolved, As the sense of this Grand Chapter, that the firmness and rectitude of the officers and members of HUDSON M. M. LODGE, in resenting the outrages of OLIVER WHITAKER, DAVID R. WALDO, and JONATHAN PURINGTON, made upon their Lodge by them, and their having excluded the aforesaid persons from the benefits of masonry in the Lodge aforesaid, in support as well of the rights and dignity of that Lodge, as the Masonic Institution, deserves the warmest approbation of this Grand Chapter; and that a transcript of the foregoing report, and this resolution, be sent by the Grand Secretary to the aforesaid Lodge with convenient speed.

The Committee charged by the Grand Chapter at the last session to provide the respective Grand Officers with suitable dresses, submit the following:

I. The garments of the Most Excellent H. P. which, if entire, should consist of three coats, and two girdles or sashes, viz:

1st. The under coat, to be made of fine white linen or striped dimity, covering the body from neck to feet, narrow to the waist, then widening gradually to the border, with narrow sleeves, etc., etc. Around this a girdle or sash ought to go, of four fingers in breadth and of sufficient length, made of fine white linen, hollow inside throughout, and, as far as it may be, exposed to sight, to be ingeniously embroidered with crimson, purple, and azure.

2d. The middle coat to reach from the neck to a little below the knees, sufficiently wide so as to show numbers of plaits, to be made of light blue. Around its broad hem are to be placed alternately small silver bells and globules in the shape of pomegranates, covered with crimson, azure, and purple. The number of each ought not to be less than twenty-five. In lieu of the bells pomegranates may altogether be put on it.

3d. The upper coat must reach from the neck down to nine inches below the hips, without sleeves. This should be made of a rich brocade, interwoven with gold and silver thread and spangles. Unto this is incorporated the upper girdle or sash, four fingers in breadth, and so long as to wind round the body three times, and hang down in a handsome bow knot. This ought to be made of white silk, double, and richly embroidered with crimson, azure, and purple silk, and with thread and spangles of gold and silver.

In lieu of brocade a crimson silk damask may be substituted. On the girdle the two lower corners of the breast plate are to be fastened with silver chains, as the same is hung or fastened above.

The dress of the most excellent D. G. H. Priest to consist of about similar to the High Priest; under coat with a grand girdle similar to the most excellent G. H. P.'s outer girdle.

II. The garments of the excellent King should consist of

1st. A purple mantle, or cloak, lined with white flannel, and spotted with black to resemble ermine, with a large cape covering the shoulders made of white rabbit skins tipped with black fur, and a broad facing of the same from the neck down to the border before, with a pair of silver clasps to fasten it.

2d. A waistcoat of light blue silk with sleeves and small cuffs of crimson silk, with an embroidered belt or girdle of crimson silk, and a suitable buckle to it in front.

3d. A pair of overalls considerably large, made of fine striped dimity.

4th. A pair of boots of yellow or red morocco, bound with gold or silver lace on the top, with a tassel of the same in front.

5th. A suitable coronet and scepter neatly trimmed and gilded.

III. The garment of the Scribe is to consist of a coat or gown made like the High Priest's under coat of white linen or striped dimity, with a girdle or sash of suitable chintz, if it can be had, if not it must be linen and embroidered, his head to be bare, in his right hand holding a parchment roll.

IV. The garments of the Secretary and Treasurer to be gowns reaching from neck to feet made of white linen, sleeves somewhat wide and drawn, with crimson silk capes, cuffs and borders before, and their crimson sashes over them.

V. The gown for the Chaplain ought to be made of black silk, in the shape of a bachelor of arts gown, with a white band and black silk girdle.

VI. All the members having seats and votes in the Grand Chapter ought to appear in proper uniform, viz: In plain white gowns with red sashes over them.

VII. The Committee further beg leave to remark, that the habiliments of this Grand Chapter ought to excel the dresses of all other Royal Arch Chapters in grandeur, elegance, and artfulness, wherefore neither labor nor cost ought to be spared to procure the fittest and best materials, etc.

A lecture was given in this degree for the benefit of the members present, after which the Grand Chapter was closed until the first Tuesday in February, 1803.

JOHN SCOVILLE,

Grand Secretary.

1803.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, was opened in due form on the Mark degree in Temple Lodge Room, in the City of Albany, February 1st, 5803.

The following brethren produced proper vouchers and took their seats, viz:

Brn. EZRA AMES, SAMUEL EDMONDS, JOHN BUTLER, JOSEPH FRY, JOHN SCOVILLE, JOHN MACAULEY, JEDEDIAH SANGER, ELIJAH PORTER, ELISHA GILBERT, Jun., CALVIN THOMPSON, — ENOS, JAMES ADAMS, and ISAAC STURGES, Tiler.

Visitors: Brn. JAMES McMASTERS, and JAMES KELLOGG.

A petition from JAMES McMASTERS and others was read, praying the Grand Chapter to grant them a Warrant to open a Mark Master Mason's Lodge, in Ballston, by the name of FRANKLIN M.: M.: LODGE, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to make out such Warrant.

Bro. EZRA AMES presented a statement of his official proceedings during the recess of the Grand Chapter, which was accepted and highly approved.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree, 1st February, 5803.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	. . . . .	Grand High Priest.
Comp. SAMUEL EDMONDS,	. . . . .	Grand King.
" JOHN BUTLER,	. . . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOSEPH FRY,	. . . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN SCOVILLE,	. . . . .	Grand Secretary.
" ABM. D. LANSING,	. . . . .	Grand Marshal.
" ISAAC STURGES,	. . . . .	Grand Tiler.

And Comps. JEDEDIAH SANGER, JOHN MACAULEY (Grand Visitor), STANTON BROWN, JAMES ADAMS, ELISHA GILBERT, Jun., ELIJAH PORTER, BENJAMIN LORD, and — ENOS.

Visitors: Comps. G. BOGART, G. FAIRMAN, and JAMES McMASTERS.

The records were then read.

Resolved, That the word "annually" be substituted in a former resolution respecting the security of the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year with the following result:

M. E.	EZRA AMES,	. . . .	Grand High Priest.
"	SAMUEL EDMONDS,	. . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
"	ELIJAH PORTER,	. . . .	Grand King.
"	JAMES ADAMS,	. . . .	Grand Scribe.
W.:	JOSEPH FRY,	. . . .	Grand Treasurer.
"	JOHN SCOVILLE	. . . .	Grand Secretary.
W. and Rev.	SILAS CHURCHILL,	. . . .	Grand Chaplain.
W.:	ELISHA GILBERT, Jun.,	. . . .	Grand Marshal.
"	JOHN MACAULEY,	. . . .	Grand Visitor.
"	ISAAC STURGES,	. . . .	Grand Tiler.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed.

A Committee was appointed to examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and report the state of the funds.

A petition from a number of Royal Arch Masons residing in Charleston, South Carolina, was read, praying this Grand Chapter to grant them a Warrant to open a Chapter in Carolina by the name of CAROLINA CHAPTER.

The prayer of the petition was granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make out the Warrant.

Several letters were read, viz: from OLD CHAPTER, No. 1, and WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 2, in New York, and the Grand Chapter of the State of Rhode Island. The letters from OLD and WASHINGTON CHAPTERS were referred to a Committee to report their opinion thereon.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning.

FEBRUARY 2D, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—Bro. EZRA AMES and others as before.

The following was adopted as an amendment to Art. 3 of the Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That those M.: M.: Lodges that were formed and opened within this jurisdiction, previous to the adoption of the General Grand Constitution, at Hartford, in the year 5798, shall be entitled, on proper application to this Grand Chapter, or to the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest, to receive a Warrant confirming them in their rights and privileges as M.: M.: Lodges, for which Warrant each of said Lodges shall pay to the Grand Secretary the sum of \$10.00 to defray the expense of executing the same.

A resolution was adopted providing that if any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons or Lodge of M.: M.: Masons within this jurisdiction shall neglect to meet and open at least once in twelve months it shall forfeit its warrant.

Resolved, That no officers or proxies from any Chapter or Mark Lodge under this jurisdiction be allowed a seat in this Grand Chapter in future, provided the Lodge or Chapter which he or they wish to represent are more than two years in arrears of dues to the Grand Chapter, until such time as the arrearages are discharged; and that if any Chapter or Mark Lodge under this jurisdiction shall neglect to make returns to this Grand Chapter and pay up their dues for the term of five years, their warrant shall be forfeited, unless good reasons shall be shown for their delinquency at the next session of the Grand Chapter.

A lecture was given in the Mark degree for the benefit of the members, after which the Grand Chapter was closed in this degree without day.

FEBRUARY 2D, 5803.

Grand Chapter opened agreeably to adjournment.

PRESENT:—M.: E.: EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest, and officers and Companions as before.

The Grand Secretary presented an account for services, postage, etc., amounting to \$32.25, which was allowed and ordered to be paid.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Authorizing the Grand Secretary to procure the printing of 500 blank returns, and forward a proportionate number to each Lodge and Chapter.

Appointing the Grand Secretary, for the time being, a standing Committee of Correspondence to answer all communications from any regular Grand, or private Chapter in the United States.

Fixing the salary of the Grand Secretary at \$30.00 for the ensuing year.

Voting \$10.00 to Temple Lodge for use of the room.

Appropriating twenty shillings per day to the Grand Tiler for each day's attendance on the Grand Chapter.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning.

FEBRUARY 3D, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met agreeably to adjournment.

PRESENT:— M.: E.: EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest, and officers and Companions as before.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Appointing a Committee to wait on the proxies appointed by JERUSALEM and HIBERNIAN CHAPTERS, of New York, to request them to pay the moneys in their hands into the Grand Treasury.

Approving all proceedings had in the Mark degree during this session.

The Committee to whom was referred the letters from OLD and WASHINGTON CHAPTERS, in New York, beg leave to report; that they have taken into consideration the two letters referred to them, and after due examination and mature reflection are of opinion that it would be improper and highly derogatory for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, to hold any further correspondence with either of the said Chapters, or any of the members belonging to either of them, or any other Chapter or M.: M.: Lodge within the limits of our jurisdiction which has not fully complied with Article 3d, Section 2d, of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the Northern States of America, therefore your Committee beg leave to recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That all communication (either public or private) is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction, or any member of either of them, and any Chapter, Lodge or Assembly that may be holden within this jurisdiction, which has not complied with Article 3d, Section 2d, of the General Grand Constitution, or with any member or person exalted or advanced in such illegal Chapter or Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to forward the said resolution to every Chapter and Mark Lodge under this jurisdiction, and also communicate it to the several Grand Chapters in the Northern States.

The Grand High Priest was appointed a Committee to procure suitable clothing for the Grand Officers, and the Grand Secretary was directed to make a draft on the Grand Treasurer for \$100.00 to defray the expenses of the same.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 3D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened agreeably to adjournment.

Officers and Companions present as at the morning session.

The Grand Secretary was directed to write to the two Chapters in New York acknowledging this jurisdiction, and inform them that they have not been represented during this session.

Also to inform all Chapters and Lodges in arrears that they are desired to make returns immediately, and at all events previous to the next session of the Grand Chapter.

An account was presented from Comp. LEFFINGWELL, for refreshments, amounting to twenty-five shillings, which was ordered paid.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary reported them correct, and a balance of \$287.94 in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

A resolution was adopted accepting Comp. G. BOGART as security with the Grand Treasurer, such security to be double the amount of funds in his hands.

Resolved, That all the members of this Grand Chapter, who have regularly attended until the close of this session, shall be entitled to receive out of the funds of the Grand Chapter the sum of \$1.50 for each day's attendance, and the Grand Secretary be directed to draw orders for the same.

A lecture was then given in this degree for the benefit of the members present, and then the Grand Chapter closed without day.

JOHN SCOVILLE,
Grand Secretary.

1804.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Albany, and opened in due form on the Mark degree, in Temple Lodge Room, three o'clock P. M., February 7th, 5804.

The following brethren produced proper vouchers, and took their seats, viz:

W.: EZRA AMES, Master.

BRN. WARREN SMITH, ELISHA GILBERT, JOSEPH FRY, JOHN SCOVILLE, JOSEPH ENOS, EBENEZER WADSWORTH, JOHN MACAULEY, ZEBULON R. SHEPHERD, DANIEL HALE, Jun., SILAS CHURCHILL, JEDEDIAH SANGER, JOS. KIRKLAND, WM. PATRICK, Jun., ELIAS PALMER, EPHRAIM ALLEN, TIMOTHY SHALER, OZIAS FULLER, WM. A. NEEDHAM, and GIDEON FAIRMAN.

VISITORS: BRN. ADONIAH SKINNER, HICKS, ABM. D. LANSING, D. LEAVENWORTH, and CHRISTOPHER C. YATES.

At the opening of the Grand Chapter, a suitable prayer and blessing was invoked; after which an oration, well adapted to the occasion, was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, Bro. CHURCHILL.

BRO. AMES made known his official proceedings during the recess of the Grand Chapter, to wit: That he had granted a Dispensation to several brethren in the town of Middlebury, Vt., for opening a M.: M.: Lodge, for which they paid the usual fee of \$10.00. He also informed the Grand Chapter that he had made an estimate of the expense of procuring *suitable clothing* for this Grand Chapter, which he was authorized to procure by a resolution adopted at the last session; the funds being inadequate to the expense, he submitted the *estimate* to the consideration of the members, being \$350.00

Adjourned to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FEBRUARY 7TH, FIVE O'CLOCK P. M.

Opened on the Royal Arch degree.

Members and visitors as in the Mark degree.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" ZEBULON SHEPHERD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" DANIEL HALE, Jun.,	Grand King.
" EPHRAIM ALLEN,	Grand Scribe.
W. JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
" JOSEPH FRY,	Grand Treasurer.
" OZIAS FULLER,	Grand Marshal.
" SILAS CHURCHILL,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN MACAULEY,	Grand Visitor.
" ISAAC STURGES,	Grand Sentinel.

The officers were duly installed in ancient and masonic form.

A Committee was appointed to examine the circular letter recently received from the Rhode Island Grand Chapter, and report thereon.

A Committee was also appointed to examine the report on dresses, and also the letters from JERUSALEM and HIBERNIAN CHAPTERS, and report thereon.

A Committee was also appointed to examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Comps. ZEBULON R. SHEPHERD and EPHRAIM ALLEN were appointed a Committee to draft a new Constitution, with an allowance of \$2.50 per day for their services, and were directed to report the same at the next session of the Grand Chapter.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FEBRUARY 8TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—W. EZRA AMES, Master, and officers and brethren as before.

Bro. F. SHANAHAN produced his credentials and took his seat.

A lecture was given in this degree for the benefit of the members present.

The G.: H.: P.: was authorized to tender the thanks of the Grand Chapter to Comp. CHURCHILL, for his very excellent oration, together with the sum of \$25.00, as a compensation for his faithful services for the year past.

A Committee was appointed to take into consideration the situation of COOPERSTOWN M.: M.: LODGE, respecting its dues.

Closed in this degree in ample form without day.

FEBRUARY 8TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—M.: E.: EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest, and officers and members as before.

The following resolutions were adopted:

That Comp. WARREN SMITH be added to the Committee appointed to draft a new Constitution.

Repealing the resolution adopted at the session of 1802, diminishing the fees for exaltations of Royal Arch Masons, and advancing M.: M.: Masons so far as respects the same, but not in respect to annual fees.

Approving the proceedings had in the Mark degree during this session.

Declaring it to be the duty of the Grand Secretary to transmit, from time to time, to the several Grand Chapters in the Northern States, the names of the Grand Officers elect, together with such other communications as shall be deemed necessary; and also to make the same communications to the several Chapters and Lodges under this jurisdiction.

Making it the duty of the Grand Secretary hereafter, *perpetually*, on the first day of the session of the Grand Chapter, to present a statement of all receipts and disbursements at the preceding session, or in the subsequent vacation, from whom received, and for what purpose or use disbursed, and the balance remaining in fund; also,

Directing the Grand Treasurer to present his account in like manner and time, that the members may be enabled to judge of the finances and appropriations; which said statements shall be kept by the Grand High Priest for the time being, and by him delivered to his successor in office.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary reported them correct, and a balance in the treasury of \$388.62.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of the COOPERSTOWN M.: M.: LODGE, reported that, in their opinion, OTSEGO M.: M.: LODGE was not under the jurisdic-

tion of this Grand Chapter until the renewal of its Warrant, which was on the 1st of February, 1800; and that the said Lodge should be instructed to transmit a regular return of the advancements since that time with the dues, and a return of the members with their annual dues, deducting the sum of \$20.00 already paid.

The Committee appointed to consider the circular letter from the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, submitted a report thereon, together with the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter concurs with the M. : E. : Grand Chapter of the State of Rhode Island, in its resolution investing the General Grand High Priest, King, and Scribe, or any two of them, with power to grant letters of Dispensation as therein expressed, and that the sense of this Grand Chapter be communicated to the several Grand Chapters in the Northern States of America.

The Grand Chapter after hearing the several communications from JERUSALEM and HIBERNIAN CHAPTERS, of the City of New York, in respect to the base and dishonest conduct of their former proxies, VISCHER and ALLANSON, and investigating the subject, are of opinion that it is not invested with authority to cite to trial, or try, the said Companions for their conduct in these respects, as they are no longer members of this Grand Chapter, but that they are responsible masonically to the Chapters aforesaid respectively, for any *mis- or non-feasance* in respect to those Chapters, therefore

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter does warmly recommend to the Chapters aforesaid, and each of them, immediately to call the said Companions to an account for their un-masonic and fraudulent breaches of trust and confidence reposed in them as proxies aforesaid, and that they be punished in the discretion of the said Chapters agreeably to their powers in this behalf; and that they be requested to transmit their doings in this respect to the Grand Secretary, as soon thereafter as convenient, that the Grand Chapter may make such order thereon as shall appertain to the rules of masonry; and that the Grand Secretary transmit this resolution, and other documents in respect to the premises, to the Chapters aforesaid without delay.

The Committee appointed to report on the communications from JERUSALEM and HIBERNIAN CHAPTERS, and the statement of expense for dress, say :

1st. That the dues from JERUSALEM CHAPTER being remitted to its proxy, and still remaining in his hands, the proxy then being accountable to the Companions from whom the moneys were received, your Committee suggest, as their opinion, that the Chapter be indulged until such time as it may have an opportunity of recovering the money from its proxy.

2d. That Comp. ALLANSON, though (late) Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, cannot be considered any other than proxy for HIBERNIAN CHAPTER, and that it have the same indulgence.

3d. That the funds not being equal to the expense of dress, your Committee are of opinion, that the same ought not to be acted on until the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Allowing each member of the Grand Chapter the sum of \$1.50 for each day's attendance during the session, and also for travel coming and going, computing thirty miles travel for each day.

Directing the sum of \$10.00 to be paid to TEMPLE LODGE for use of the room.

Fixing the salary of the Grand Secretary for the ensuing year at \$30.00.

Allowing the Grand Tiler the sum of \$2.50 for each day's attendance.

Thanking the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for their faithful services in their respective offices.

Declaring that no member of the Grand Chapter should receive compensation for attendance until such time as the dues of the Chapter or Lodge he represents are fully paid.

Approving all the proceedings of this session.

A lecture was given in this degree, after which the Grand Chapter closed in peace and harmony without day.

JOHN SCOVILLE,

Grand Secretary.

1805.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, convened in Temple Lodge room, in the City of Albany, and opened on the Mark degree, in due form, February 5th, A. S. L. 5805, at eleven o'clock A. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" ZEBULON R. SHEPHERD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" DANIEL HALE, JUN.	Grand King.
" EPHRAIM ALLEN,	Grand Scribe.
W. JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. SILAS CHURCHILL,	Grand Chaplain.
W. JOHN MACAULEY,	Grand Visitor.
M. E. SAMUEL EDMONDS,	P. D. G. H. P.
" WARREN SMITH,	P. G. K.
" ELLIAH PORTER,	P. G. K.

ELISHA GILBERT, JUN., WILLIAM PATRICK, JUN., ELIAS PALMER, HENRY METCALF, STEPHEN RICHARDS, TIMOTHY SHALER, CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, JEREMIAH BRAINARD, ADONIAH SKINNER, JOSIAH WADSWORTH, LEMUEL HOTCHKISS, CALEB B. MERRILL, JAMES JACKSON, and JOHN CHIPMAN, and — WILLIAMS, of Vermont.

Visitors: WM. ROGERS, MOSES MORSE, and GIDEON FAIRMAN.

The above named Companions produced proper vouchers and took their seats, after which the Grand Chaplain delivered an appropriate address.

Adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 5TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Opened on the Mark degree according to adjournment.

PRESENT:— Officers and members as before.

The Grand High Priest made known his official proceedings during the recess, viz.:

That he had granted two Dispensations to open Mark Lodges, one at Manlius, in the County of Onondaga, the other at Charleston, in the County of Montgomery; also, a Dispensation to open a new Chapter in the City of New York.

He also presented a petition from a number of respectable Mark Masons in the town of Greenfield, in the County of Saratoga, praying for a Warrant to open a M.: M.: Lodge.

The M.: E.: SAMUEL EDMONDS, stated that while he was Deputy Grand High Priest he granted a Dispensation to a number of Mark Masons to open a M.: M.: Lodge in the town of Freehold, in the County of Greene, which had expired, and been again renewed by the present Deputy, and now, in behalf of said Mark Masons, presented a petition praying this Grand Chapter to grant them a Warrant, whereupon, it was

Resolved, That Warrants be granted to open Mark Master Lodges in the towns of Manlius, Greenfield, and Freehold; and a Chapter Warrant to the petitioners in New York.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 5TH, FIVE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to an election of Grand Officers, with the following result:

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	. . . . .	Grand High Priest.
" ZEBULON R. SHEPHERD,	. . . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" ELISHA GILBERT, JUN.,	. . . . .	Grand King.
" WILLIAM PATRICK, JUN.,	. . . . .	Grand Scribe.
W.: JOHN SCOVILLE,	. . . . .	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	. . . . .	Grand Treasurer.
Rev. SILAS CHURCHILL,	. . . . .	Grand Chaplain.
W.: ADONIJAH SKINNER,	. . . . .	Grand Marshal.
" JOHN MACAULEY,	. . . . .	Grand Visitor.
Comp. ISAAC STURGES,	. . . . .	Grand Sentinel.

The above named officers were then installed in ancient form.

The Grand Secretary read communications from CAROLINA CHAPTER, Vermont, New York, etc.

The Communication from CAROLINA CHAPTER, No. 15, was referred to a Committee of four, with directions to report thereon at the opening of the Grand Chapter next morning.

The communication from the Grand Chapter of Vermont was referred to a Committee, which was directed to report as soon as the case would admit.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Appointing a Committee to settle the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and receive the balance due from each of them and pay the same to the present Grand Treasurer, taking his bond and surety as prescribed by a resolution passed the 2d day of February, 1802, and to submit their report, together with a statement of the funds, to the Grand Chapter at its present session.

Thanking the Grand Chaplain for his faithful discharge of duty the year past, and for his oration delivered at the opening of the Grand Chapter, and appointing a Committee to present the same together with a compliment of \$25.00.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FEBRUARY 6TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened agreeably to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Chapter to draft a *new Constitution* for this Grand Chapter, made known that they had prepared the same and waited for leave to report it, whereupon it was granted, and the report had its first, and was committed for a second, reading.

Adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 6TH, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened agreeably to adjournment, on the Mark degree.

A resolution was adopted giving all M.: M.: Masons in attendance on the Grand Chapter, permission to be present during the discussion of the report of the Committee on the new Constitution.

A lecture was given in this degree.

Adjourned until half past three o'clock P. M., at which time the Grand Chapter was opened according to adjournment.

PRESENT:— Officers and members as before.

The proposed new Constitution had its second reading.

Adjourned to open as occasion may require.

FEBRUARY 6TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:— Officers and members as before.

The proposed new Constitution had its third reading, was discussed and passed to the 12th Article.

Adjourned until nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FEBRUARY 7TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:— Officers and members as before.

The proposed new Constitution was discussed by sections and articles until the whole was adopted, whereupon it was

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of the Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, be appointed to arrange the several articles and sections in proper order, and subjoin such resolutions and regulations heretofore adopted as they shall deem proper, and cause 300 copies of the said Constitution to be printed and distributed to the several Chapters and Mark Lodges in the jurisdiction.

Adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 7TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened according to adjournment.

PRESENT:— Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to consider the communication from Vermont, relative to the proposed Grand Chapter for that State, reported as follows:

'That, from a due consideration of the subject referred to them, they are of opinion that it would be improper for this Grand Chapter to approve the

organization of a Grand Chapter in the State of Vermont, for the following reasons:

1st. The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter requires all Grand Chapters to consist of the several officers therein named, being more than three in number; and also, that every Chapter shall consist of nine regular Royal Arch Masons, which, in our opinion, ought to be entitled to membership; and no Masons are or can be members of a Grand Chapter unless they are High Priests, Kings, or Scribes, of a subordinate Chapter, or unless he or they have been duly elected to one of the first four offices in the Grand Chapter.

2d. In the opinion of your Committee no Grand Chapter ought to be established without the sanction of the General Grand Chapter, or one or more of its principal officers.

3d. In the opinion of your Committee there ought to be at least the union of three regular Royal Arch Chapters, or that deficiency supplied by the union of permanent members of this or some other Grand Chapter to that number.

4th. Your Committee have had authentic evidence from respectable sources that there were but three members at the formation of the aforesaid Grand Chapter, they therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter disapproves of the attempt to form a Grand Chapter in the State of Vermont, and does earnestly recommend to the persons engaged therein to desist from a practice which is deemed an infringement of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the Northern States of America, and injurious to the good order and benefit of the institution of Masonry in general.

Adopted unanimously.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from CAROLINA CHAPTER, No. 15, reported as follows:

That, in their opinion, the Warrant granted by this Grand Chapter authorizing the instituting of CAROLINA CHAPTER, No. 15, was issued consistent with the powers of this Grand Chapter, and that those holding under the Warrant aforesaid have valid powers to perform any of the functions appertaining to any subordinate Royal Arch Chapter whatever. Your Committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter had, at the time of granting the Warrant aforesaid, lawful authority to grant the same to hold a Royal Arch Chapter, Lodges of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, in any State where no Grand Chapter was established, except the State of New Hampshire, any thing in any resolution to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter will be ready at all times, when convenience will permit, to maintain by friendly discussion their doings in the premises, and will cordially nurse and cherish any masonic institution holding under their authority, provided the same shall demean itself with propriety.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter highly approves the just and dispa-

sionate remarks in the communications made to them at the present session through the medium of the Grand Secretary, from the officers of CAROLINA CHAPTER, No. 15.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary communicate these resolutions, with the report of the Committee aforesaid, to CAROLINA CHAPTER, No. 15.

Adopted unanimously.

The Committee appointed to settle the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary reported the condition of the funds of the Grand Chapter as follows:

Chris. Leffingwell and Joseph Fry's draft on G. Bogart at three days, \$230.00	
Two shares in the Great Western Turnpike Road, valued at \$25.00	
each,	50.00
Cash in hand,	180.00
Total,	<u>\$460.00</u>

Resolved, That should a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons, duly qualified, apply (during the recess of this Grand Chapter) in order to form a regular Grand Chapter in the State of Vermont, that the Grand High Priest, or in his absence the Deputy Grand High Priest, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, shall and they are hereby authorized to recommend them to the General Grand Officers for that purpose.

Resolved, That Companions ZEBULON R. SHEPHERD, SAMUEL EDMONDS, and WARREN SMITH, be and they are hereby appointed proxies to represent this Grand Chapter at the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the Northern States of America, to be convened at the City of Middletown, in the State of Connecticut, on the second Tuesday in January next, and they are hereby invested with full power and authority to act for this Grand Chapter in all cases which they may deem proper and necessary for the honor and advantage of this Grand Chapter and the Institution of Masonry in general, and that their expenses be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter, and the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to furnish the said proxies with proper credentials to represent us accordingly.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Directing the Grand Secretary to transmit a copy of the Report and Resolutions to GREEN MOUNTAIN CHAPTER adopted relative to the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

Ordering the Grand Secretary to write to all Mark Lodges and Chapters in arrears for dues to the Grand Chapter.

Appointing the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary a Committee to procure a device, and the engraving, printing, and materials, of the Honorary Certificates mentioned in the new Constitution.

Authorizing the Grand Secretary to call on Comp. G. BOGART with the draft drawn on him by Comp. FRY, late Grand Treasurer, and Comp. LEFF-

INGWELL, and if such bill should be protested, to take immediate measures to force the collection of the bond held against FRY and FAIRMAN if necessary.

Fixing the salary of the Grand Secretary at \$40.00 for the ensuing year.

Thanking the Grand Secretary for the regular and faithful fulfillment of the important duties of his office for the year past.

Voting \$10.00 to Temple Lodge for use of room.

Allowing Comp. STURGES, Grand Tiler, \$2.50 per day for his services during the session.

Directing the sum of \$57.50 to be paid to the Committee for drafting the new Constitution, pursuant to their account for the same.

A lecture was given in the Royal Arch degree, and the Grand Chapter was then closed in ancient form without day.

JOHN SCOVILLE,

Grand Secretary.

CONSTITUTION.

ADOPTED FEBRUARY 7TH, 1805.

We, the several CHAPTERS of ROYAL ARCH MASONS, created and established by the authority of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER of the State of New York, and being within the jurisdiction thereof, duly represented by our respective HIGH PRIESTS, KINGS and SCRIBES, or their PROXIES, fully empowered, in GRAND CHAPTER, at the city of Albany, duly convened on the seventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and five, pursuant to the powers vested in us by the Constitution of the GENERAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER of the United States of America, for the purpose of ensuring good order, promoting harmony, and supporting brotherly union, advancing the interest of pure ancient Masonry, perpetuating and handing down to posterity its beneficial principles, for diffusing Masonic instruction, and inculcating good morals among the Craftsmen, and regulating their labors by one uniform standard, DO ORDAIN and DECLARE the following ARTICLES to be the CONSTITUTION of this GRAND CHAPTER, subject to no alteration or amendment, unless altered and amended as hereinafter described.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION I. This GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER shall consist of a GRAND HIGH PRIEST, a DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST, a GRAND KING, a GRAND SCRIBE, a GRAND SECRETARY, a GRAND TREASURER, a GRAND CHAPLAIN and MARSHAL, and the PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, PAST DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS, PAST GRAND KINGS, and PAST GRAND SCRIBES, together with the HIGH PRIESTS, KINGS, and SCRIBES, for the time

being, of all subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this GRAND CHAPTER, or their PROXIES, duly empowered, who shall be the only members and voters in this GRAND CHAPTER.

SECT. II. All Masters and Wardens of Mark Master's Lodges, or their Proxies, within this jurisdiction, and holding warrants under this Grand Chapter, shall be entitled to a seat, and be lawful voters in the same, at all times when opened in the Mark Master's degree, and there to represent their respective Lodges, and to transact any business in their behalf, as fully as the members in the first section hereof named are entitled in any degree, anything above mentioned notwithstanding.

SECT. III. The Grand Officers aforesaid shall be annually elected by ballot, in open Chapter, and the Companion having the greatest number of votes for any of the offices aforesaid, shall be declared duly elected. The said ballots are to be canvassed by the Secretary and Treasurer, in presence of the Chapter.

SECT. IV. Each subordinate Chapter shall be entitled to three votes on all questions, and no more, whether represented by one or more Companions; each permanent or standing member hereof shall have one vote, and the Grand High Priest two votes, when the number of votes happen to be equal, otherwise he shall have but one vote; and no Companion or Brother can represent more than one Chapter or Lodge at the same time.

SECT. V. Every Companion who shall offer himself as Proxy for any High Priest, King or Scribe, of any Chapter, or any Brother who shall offer himself as a Proxy for any Master or Warden of any Mark Master's Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, before he or they shall be permitted to take a seat as such, shall produce to the Grand Secretary a warrant in the following form:

I, <i>A. B.</i> , High Priest of	Royal Arch Chapter, No.
holden in the	of
	in the County of

do, by these presents, constitute and appoint my beloved Companion, *W. S.*, my Proxy, to represent me and the Chapter aforesaid in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York, at their next meeting at the City of Albany, hereby conferring on my said Proxy all the powers vested in me, by virtue of my said office. Given under my hand, and the seal of the said Chapter, this day of 580 *A. B.*

Which said warrant shall be sealed with the seal of the Chapter or Lodge whereof the Companion or Brother making the same shall be an officer, and attested by the Secretary of the said Chapter or Lodge, in the margin, or on the back of the said warrant, in the form following:

I certify the seal hereunto affixed to have been made after the name of *A. B.* was subscribed to this warrant. *Z. S., Sec'y.*

SECT. VI. In case of the death or absence of any of the said officers, the Chapter or Lodge whereof he was an officer may authorize any Companion or Brother in regular standing, in any Chapter or Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, to represent them as aforesaid, as fully as such deceased or absent officer might have done were he alive or present, by a

resolution of said Chapter or Lodge; which shall be certified by the Secretary thereof, and exemplified with the seal of the same; and he shall also certify the death or absence of such officer upon the back or margin of the same resolution.

SECT. VII. Every Companion or Brother offering himself as a representative of any Chapter or Lodge, as Proxy or otherwise, before he shall be permitted to act as such, shall produce to the Grand Secretary a certificate of the Secretary of such Chapter or Lodge, in the following form:

I certify that *A. B.* was, on the _____ day of _____ last, duly elected High Priest, *C. D.* King, and *E. F.* Scribe, of _____ Chapter No. _____ (or Master and Wardens as the case may be.) In testimony whereof, I have hereunto annexed the seal of the said Chapter (or Lodge) and subscribed my name officially thereto. *J. K., Sec'y.*

ARTICLE II.

SECTION I. The Grand Chapter shall be holden at the City of Albany, in the State of New York, on the first Tuesday in February annually, for the purpose of transacting business; and the Grand High Priest or his Deputy shall have power to convene the members thereof, whenever either of them shall, for any special purpose deem it necessary, by giving sufficient notice thereof to the Grand Secretary, in writing, whose duty it shall be to give immediate information to all the subordinate Chapters and private members under the jurisdiction thereof, by mail or otherwise, as he may think most sure of giving timely notice.

SECT. II. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to determine the qualifications of each person presenting credentials for a seat, claiming the right of membership, before the same shall be opened; and if he entertains any doubt, in respect to the propriety or validity of any such document, or if any dispute shall arise between him and any such person touching the same, it shall be the duty of such Secretary to refer the same to the three first officers present, whose determination shall be final, unless the person shall feel himself aggrieved, and petition, either in writing or by some member, for a hearing before this Grand Chapter, who shall, in such case, have power to confirm or reverse the decision aforesaid, or make such order on the subject as they may think proper.

SECT. III. As the institution of Masonry acknowledges revealed religion, and inculcates the devout worship of the Supreme High Priest, whose creatures we are, and by whose bounty we subsist, and on whose mercy we ought always humbly to depend for present prosperity and future happiness; and being thus dependent, it well becomes us to acknowledge our obligations for his beneficence, to confess our sins, to invoke his blessing, and return our thanks with heartfelt gratitude, in all humility, for favors received; therefore, after the opening of this Grand Chapter, and before any business shall be proceeded upon, a suitable address may be made to the Deity by the Grand Chaplain (if present), and the same be followed by an appropriate address to the members present, unless dispensed with by order of the Chapter.

SECT. IV. This Grand Chapter shall not have power to proceed to the election of officers, or any other business, on the first day of the session, unless to open and adjourn, except there shall be present the representatives of three regular Chapters, which shall be a sufficient number at all times to form a Grand Chapter: But if that number shall not appear on the second day of the session, within one hour after the time appointed for meeting, then those present may proceed to any business as though the whole was represented.

SECT. V. For the convenience of Mark Master's Lodges, this Grand Chapter shall be opened on the second day of the session, at the meeting thereof, in the Mark degree, and continue open until the whole of the business of that degree shall be completed for that session, unless the election, in case of a deficiency of numbers on the first day, may interfere—in such case, the business of the Marks shall immediately follow the elections and installations. All the proceedings in the Mark degree shall be ratified by the Grand Chapter, when opened in the Royal Arch degree, before they shall be considered binding.

SECT. VI. The moneys paid into the funds of the Grand Chapter, being to defray the necessary expenses in the administration of its government, and to support the dignity and respectability thereof, and also for charitable purposes; it is therefore declared, that no disbursements shall be made unless by a vote of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION I. This Grand Chapter being the highest source of legitimate Masonic authority, and only subject to the obligations contained in the Constitution of the GENERAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER of the United States of America, can, and of right ought to have the government and superintendence of all Chapters and Mark Master's Lodges within its jurisdiction: It therefore may grant Warrants and Dispensations for constituting Royal Arch Chapters, Lodges of Most Excellent Masters, Past Masters, and Mark Masters; and when expedient, revoke and annul the same: It may make laws, pass regulations, and at pleasure repeal, amend, or alter, the same: It may censure, suspend or expel Chapters, Lodges, or members, for violation or disobedience of its laws, regulations, or rules.

SECT. II. All Royal Arch Chapters, or Lodges of Most Excellent Masters, Past Masters, or Mark Master Masons, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, which have not already acknowledged the authority thereof, and subscribed to its government, shall do the same within the term of two years, or be considered by this Grand Chapter, and all subordinate Chapters and Lodges, as acting contrary to the true principles of Masonry, and working without constitutional authority, and be deprived of all benefit of Masonic intercourse with either this Grand Chapter or any Chapter or Lodge under its jurisdiction, or with individual members of the same; and to carry the same into effect, all Chapters and Lodges as before mentioned, and under this jurisdiction, as well as all members thereof, are hereby strictly charged and forbidden holding any Masonic intercourse with any such offending Chapters,

Lodges or members, after the first Tuesday of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven, under the penalty of forfeiting the rights and privileges of Masonry under this Grand Chapter.

SECT. III. No Warrant shall be granted by the Grand Chapter for the creation of any Royal Arch Chapter, unless upon the petition of at least nine regular Royal Arch Masons, directed to this Grand Chapter, praying that a Warrant may issue to authorize the creating a new Chapter, which said petition shall be recommended by the Chapter nearest to the place where the same new Chapter is to be erected, and which said recommendation shall vouch that the petitioners are all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing as such, and that they are men of good morals, and of fair reputations. And the petitioners shall pay, upon the granting of the said Warrant, the sum of \$60.00 for a Warrant for the degree of Royal Arch, Most Excellent Masters, Past Masters, and Mark Master Masons.

SECT. IV. No Warrant shall issue for the purpose of erecting a Mark Master's Lodge, unless upon the petition of at least five respectable Mark Master Masons, recommended as in the section last aforesaid; and also upon the payment of the sum of \$15.00.

SECT. V. The Grand High Priest, and Deputy Grand High Priest, during the recess of this Grand Chapter, shall have power and authority to grant Dispensations for holding Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Lodges of Most Excellent Masters, Past Masters, and Mark Masters, on a regular application to either of them for that purpose, accompanied with the same number of petitioners and recommended in all cases as would be necessary to obtain a Warrant for either of those purposes, and on paying the same sum or sums of money therefor; such Dispensation, when thus granted, shall be as valid as a Warrant could be, until the next meeting of the Grand Chapter—at which time it shall be the duty of the officer granting the same to make report, in writing, to the Grand Chapter, of his doing thereon, pay over the money received by him for said Dispensation, into the hands of the Secretary, and produce the petition and other documents accompanying the same—whereupon it shall be the duty of the Grand Chapter to confirm the power and authority of said Chapter or Lodge, by granting them a Warrant, or annul the same by their special act, in which last case the said petitioners shall receive back such sum or sums of money which they have heretofore paid, after deducting the sum of \$5.00 for the expense of granting the Dispensation.

For the government of Subordinate Chapters and Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION I. A Royal Arch Chapter shall consist of a High Priest, a King and Scribe, Captain of the Host, a Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, three Grand Masters, a Secretary and Treasurer, and as many members as may be found convenient, not less than nine regular Royal Arch Masons, including the officers; and no Chapter shall be opened in the degree of Royal Arch

without that number; and every Mark Master's Lodge shall consist of a Master, a Senior and Junior Warden, a Secretary and Treasurer, and shall never be opened without the number of five regular Mark Master Masons present; and no Chapter or Lodge can be held under this jurisdiction without a Warrant from this Grand Chapter.

SECT. II. That the election of officers in all Chapters or Lodges under this jurisdiction, shall take place on the regular meeting of such Chapter or Lodge next preceding the festival of St. John the Evangelist, in each year, and be installed in their respective offices at the same meeting, before any other business can take place; to be determined by ballot in manner and form as laid down in article the first, section the third.

SECT. III. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, holding under this Grand Chapter, shall pay into the funds thereof the following sums, viz: For the exaltation of every Companion to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, the sum of \$2.00, and for every member thereof the annual sum of fifty cents; and every Mark Master's Lodge shall also pay into the funds of this Grand Chapter, for every Brother advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason, the sum of fifty cents, and for every member thereof the annual sum of twenty-five cents; which said several sums shall be punctually paid during the session of this Grand Chapter at their next regular annual meeting; and every Chapter or Lodge which shall neglect or refuse to pay the said sums at the times aforesaid, and continue so to refuse or neglect, without good reason shown to the satisfaction of a majority of the members present of this Grand Chapter, until the next regular session thereof, shall be deemed the violators of this Constitution, and unwholesome members of this Grand Body, and shall therefore be punished by forfeiture of their Warrant and expulsion from this Grand Chapter, and only restored by paying up all dues, and a sufficient and satisfactory apology for the breach of good rules.

SECT. IV. And for the better carrying the preceding section into effect, the Grand Secretary shall, on the last day of the session of this Grand Chapter, inform the same what Chapters or Lodges are deficient, and how long they have been so, in the payment of their dues aforesaid, that the Grand Chapter may make such order thereon as the members thereof shall deem right.

SECT. V. No one can be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, without being regularly proposed in open Chapter, by petition (which petition shall lie over at least one meeting, that the character of the candidate may be fairly investigated by the members), and paying not less than \$16.00 into the treasury thereof; and for the degree of Mark Master, whether in a Chapter or Lodge, not less than \$4.00, to be paid into the treasury thereof, and having his character investigated in like manner as above.

SECT. VI. Every Chapter and Lodge holden under this Grand Chapter shall have a seal, the device thereof to be made at the pleasure of the persons for whom it shall be made, and shall be engraven, with the name of the Chapter or Lodge aforesaid, and the number thereof in figures or numeral letters; an impression of which said seal shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary,

and the device of the same described in writing, in a book to be kept by him for that purpose; and no papers or documents presented to this Grand Chapter, as credentials or evidences from any such Chapter or Lodge, shall be received as such, unless there is a sufficient similarity between the impression thereon and the one deposited as aforesaid, to be determined by the Grand Secretary, or in case of doubt or controversy on the subject, to be determined as is heretofore pointed out for the admission of members, in article second and section second.

SECT. VII. It being the duty of every Chapter and Mark Master's Lodge belonging to this Grand Body to be represented at an early period of each session thereof, in order to support its respectability, and to become informed of all proceedings and doings, and to aid by their wisdom in the deliberations and counsels, that the general interest may be advanced, good order prevail, and the true state of every branch of this Grand Chapter well understood: It is therefore hereby declared, that an omission of a duty so important to the well being of this institution deserves severe censure; it is therefore hereby strongly enjoined on all such persons to be prompt in the performance of the duties aforesaid; to be early at the said sessions, with their returns of the officers, members, and dues, of the respective Chapters and Lodges aforesaid.

SECT. VIII. If any Companion or Brother of any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction shall be guilty of a Masonic misdemeanor, by breaking the rules and regulations thereof, or by betraying the trust reposed in him, the Chapter or Lodge to which such offender may belong (but in case he belongs to no Chapter or Lodge, he may be called on by the nearest Chapter or Lodge having cognizance thereof) shall have full power of punishing the same by reprimand, suspension or expulsion, as they may deem proper. But if by expulsion, the nature of the offence, with a copy of the proceedings thereon, shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary without delay, who shall lay the same before the Grand Chapter at their next meeting, who shall ratify or annul the same: *Provided always*, the person so offending, and being expelled, feeling himself aggrieved thereby, shall have the privilege of an appeal to this Grand Chapter, if in session, and during the recess, to the Grand High Priest or his Deputy, who shall appoint a committee to investigate the facts in the proceedings, and make report at the next meeting thereof; which shall have the power of restoring him to the general privileges of Masonry, but not to membership within the body from which he has been expelled, without their own consent, nor can there be a Dispensation in this case; for every Masonic body ought to have the power of determining its own members, for the better maintenance of harmony and good order therein.

SECT. IX. That no candidate residing in or near any city or town where a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or a Lodge of Mark Master Masons is holden under this jurisdiction, shall be exalted or advanced in any Chapter or Lodge in any other place, without a recommendation from the Chapter or Lodge nearest the place where said candidate may reside.

SECT. X. That no candidate, whose application may be rejected in any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction, shall be exalted or advanced in any

other Chapter or Lodge which shall have received official notice of such rejection, without an appeal to the Grand Chapter.

SECT. XI. That no Royal Arch Mason shall be admitted as a member or visitor in any Royal Arch Chapter under this jurisdiction, unless he shall have regularly received the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason.

SECT. XII. That whenever a Warrant shall be issued to authorize the holding a Chapter, and in the same to hold a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters, Past Masters and Mark Master Masons, the High Priest, King and Scribe of such Chapter shall, *ex officio*, be the Master and Wardens of said Lodge.

SECT. XIII. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, at the expense of this Grand Chapter, to cause to be printed a sufficient number of blank warrants and certificates, agreeable to the form in this Constitution, and also devise a suitable form for annual returns; cause blanks to be printed, and from time to time, as need may be, to transmit them to the several Chapters and Lodges belonging to this Grand Body.

SECT. XIV. The Grand High Priest, or his Deputy, may annually appoint one or more discreet and well informed Royal Arch Masons, Grand Visitors; whose duty it shall be, if required by any Chapter or Lodge belonging to this Grand Body, to visit such Chapter or Lodge, and instruct them in the lectures of the degrees which they have taken, and the mode of work; and such Chapter or Lodge shall pay such visitor a reasonable compensation for the same.

SECT. XV. No Chapter shall be removed without the knowledge of the High Priest, nor any motion made for that purpose in his absence; but if the High Priest be present, and a motion is made and seconded for removing the Chapter to some more convenient place (within the limits prescribed in the Warrant), the High Priest shall immediately cause notifications to be issued to all the members, informing them of the motion of removal, and the time and place when the question is to be determined, which shall be issued at least ten days previous to the appointed meeting; but if the High Priest, after motion duly made as aforesaid, should refuse or neglect to cause the notices to be issued as aforesaid, the officer next in rank who may be present at the next regular meeting following, upon motion duly made for that purpose, may in like manner issue the said notice.

SECT. XVI. All Mark Master's Lodges, in case of removal, shall be governed by the same rules as prescribed in the foregoing section.

SECT. XVII. Whenever a Warrant shall issue to authorize the holding a new Chapter, the same shall be installed by the Grand High Priest, or the Deputy Grand High Priest, unless where the distance is such that they, or either of them, cannot conveniently attend; in which case they, or either of them, may appoint some capable High Priest or Past High Priest of a Chapter, by a Dispensation under their hands and seals, or the hand and seal of either of them, to perform the services aforesaid; and the installation of

Mark Master Lodges shall be done in the same manner, excepting a Dispensation may be granted in like manner to any Master or Past Master of a Mark Lodge, although a High Priest or Past High Priest is to be preferred; and the form of installation in those cases shall be agreeable to that directed by the General Grand Constitution.

SECT. XVIII. No person shall be permitted to sit in this Grand Chapter, as a visitor, without the unanimous consent of all the members present.

SECT. XIX. Every Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction ought to assemble at least once in three months, for the purpose of perfecting themselves in working in their respective degrees;— and such as shall not meet for the space of one year shall forfeit all their privileges under this Grand Chapter, and the name of their Warrant shall be struck from the record of the same, unless some sufficient reason be offered to induce a forbearance.

SECT. XX. Whenever it shall be deemed necessary to alter or amend this Constitution, the same shall be done in the manner following: The Grand Chapter in session may propose any alterations or amendments, reduce them to form, the consideration of which shall lie over until the next session of the Grand Chapter, and if then voted by two thirds of the members present, they shall become a part of this Constitution.

1806.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, Albany, 4th February, 1806, opened in due form on the Mark degree.

The following members produced their credentials and took their seats, viz:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" ZEBULON R. SHEPHERD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" ELISHA GILBERT, Jun.,	Grand King.
" WILLIAM PATRICK,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
" ADONIJAH SKINNER,	Grand Marshal.
" JOHN MACAULEY,	Grand Visitor.
" ISAAC STURGES,	Grand Sentinel.
M. E. EPHRAIM ALLEN,	Past Grand King.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
Rising Sun,	Comp. Jacob McKeag, proxy.
Hibernian,	" Jacob McKeag, proxy.
Jerusalem,	" Alexander M. Stewart.
Hudson,	" Sam'l Edmonds, P. D. G. H. P., proxy.
Federal,	" Adonijah Skinner.
	" Asa Fitch.
De LaFayette, . . .	" William A. Needham.
	" Salem Town.
Horeb,	" Joseph Jennings.
St. Andrew's, . . .	" A. Peck.
	" Joshua H. Brell.
Montgomery, . . .	" Wm. Patrick.
	" Daniel L. V. Antwerp.
St. George's, . . .	" Cornelius Vrooman.
Lebanon,	" Ebenezer Wadsworth.
	" Samuel B. Wheeler.
	" Joseph Enos, Jr.
M. M. LODGES.	
Cooperstown, . . .	Bro. Ferrand Stranahan.
Patriot,	" James Newcomb.
	" Truman Merrell.

The following Companions and Brethren had leave to sit in the Grand Chapter as visitors, viz: BAKER, WADSWORTH, GIL-

LETT, JEWETT, CUCK, SMITH, MOSIER, PALMER, METCALF, ROGERS, and ENOS.

The records were read and approved.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had granted, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, Dispensations to open M.: M.: Lodges as follows:

To BRN. THOMAS MAEHM, M. B. SCHUYLER, and ISAIAH DEPUE, to hold a Lodge at Charlestown, county of Montgomery, by the name of CHARLESTOWN MARK LODGE.

To BRN. JOSEPH JEWETT, MANNING CASE, and JOHN MCGONAGAL, to hold a Lodge at Hillsdale, county of Columbia, by the name of MOUNT MORIAH MARK LODGE.

To BRN. EDWARD SPICER, SAMUEL HALL, and HENRY COOK, to hold a Lodge at Bridgewater, county of Oneida, by the name of FARMER'S MARK LODGE.

Representatives from each of the above-named Lodges being present for the purpose of obtaining warrants, it was therefore

Resolved, That Warrants be made out to the petitioners as aforesaid.

The Deputy Grand High Priest reported that on the twenty-fifth day of March last he had granted a Dispensation to hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the City of Vergennes, in the State of Vermont, by the name of JERUSALEM CHAPTER, until the present time.

Comp. SAMUEL EDMONDS reported that, in conformity to a resolution of this Grand Chapter, he had attended the General Grand Chapter at its last meeting, held in the City of Middletown, and had obtained a copy of the Constitution as revised and amended, which he laid before the Grand Chapter; whereupon it was ordered a first reading, and laid on the table for further consideration.

The following Committees were appointed, viz:

Comps. A. M. STEWART, E. WADSWORTH, and A. SKINNER, to settle the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's books, and report the state of the funds.

Comps. SHEPHERD, FITCH, and GILBERT, to consider the situation of CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 11, as represented by their proxy.

Adjourned until half-past three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 4TH, HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

PRESENT :—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Chapter to superintend the printing and distribution of the Constitution, reported that it had been printed as directed, but that it had been deemed inexpedient to send it to the different Chapters and Mark Lodges until the Grand Chapter should convene, so that another and better opportunity might be had of considering the subject and correcting errors, if any existed, before delivery to the Chapters and Mark Lodges. The Committee also were of opinion that some new regulations might possibly be adopted by the General Grand Chapter in the meantime, which it would be necessary to consider in revising the Constitution.

The lecture of this degree was given and performed with great satisfaction.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 4TH.

The Grand Chapter was opened on the Royal Arch degree in ample form.

PRESENT :—M. E. EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest, and officers and members as in the Mark degree.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result :

M. E.	EZRA AMES,	. . . . .	Grand High Priest.
"	SAMUEL EDMONDS,	. . . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
"	ASA FITCH,	. . . . .	Grand King.
"	EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	. . . . .	Grand Scribe.
W.	JOHN SCOVILLE,	. . . . .	Grand Secretary.
"	CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	. . . . .	Grand Treasurer.
"	SALEM TOWN,	. . . . .	Grand Chaplain.
"	WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM,	. . . . .	Grand Marshal.
Comp.	JOHN MACAULEY,	. . . . .	Grand Visitor.
"	ISAAC STURGES,	. . . . .	Grand Sentinel.

The Officers were then installed in due form.

Comps. EDMONDS, YATES, PATRICK, ALLEN, and McKEAG, were appointed a Committee to take into consideration any alteration, or amendments to the Constitution, adopted at the last session, and report as soon as convenient during the session.

An application praying for relief by ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, presented by its proxy, was referred to Comps. ALLEN, FITCH, and PATRICK, to inquire into the situation of that Chapter, and report.

A Committee, consisting of Comps. McKEAG, JENNINGS, EDMONDS, SHEPHERD, and WADSWORTH, was appointed to consider the amendments to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and report thereon during the session.

Adjourned until 12 M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 5TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Opened on the Mark degree according to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The situation of FRIENDSHIP M. M. LODGE, in the County of Greene, being represented in an unpleasant state by its proxy, its case was referred to the same Committee appointed to consider the situation of ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER.

No further business offering, requiring the attention of the Grand Chapter in this degree, it was closed in due form without day.

FEBRUARY 5TH, TWELVE O'CLOCK M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree according to adjournment.

PRESENT:—M. E. EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest, and officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to examine the situation of ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, reported that, in their opinion, the Chapter was entitled to the consideration of the Grand Chapter, and proposed the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter will accept from St. Andrew's Chapter the sum of \$40.00, payable in two annual installments, to commence at the

next session of the Grand Chapter, as full compensation for all sums of money now due from that Chapter.

The Committee also reported that, in their opinion, no part of the fees due from FRIENDSHIP M.: M.: LODGE, No. 25, ought to be remitted, but recommended the Grand Chapter to wait on the Lodge until the next meeting for such portion of the dues as the Lodge is unable to pay at this time, provided it gave security for the balance, which proposition was acceded to by the Grand Chapter and Bro. SLOCUM on the part of FRIENDSHIP LODGE.

Adjourned until three o'clock, P. M.

FEBRUARY 5TH, THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Whereas, HIBERNIAN CHAPTER, of the City of New York, has heretofore made its returns and paid its fees to its proxy, RICHARD ALLANSON, who was at the time Grand Treasurer, and who withheld the same from this Grand Chapter, and it being considered a hard case for the said HIBERNIAN CHAPTER to pay the same a second time; therefore,

Resolved, That HIBERNIAN CHAPTER be excused from paying the said dues, having as it was thought, deposited the money with the proper officer.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary reported them correct, and submitted the following statement of funds:

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer,	\$589 29½
Great Western Turnpike Stock,	50 00
Due bill,	11 25
Total,	<u>\$650 54½</u>

The Committee appointed to consider the situation of CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 11, reported that satisfactory evidence was produced to the Committee that the funds of that Chapter were insufficient to pay its dues to the Grand Chapter, or any part thereof, owing to a misfortune of that Chapter, and not to any

misconduct on its part; that the Chapter was desirous to proceed with its work, in hopes that it would do well by the exertions of its officers, who were actuated by a laudable spirit in its behalf, and, in consideration of the premises, the Committee recommended that the dues of said CYRUS CHAPTER be remitted to it agreeably to its prayer in that respect.

With reference to the printed copies of the Constitution, and the amendments to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, referred to Committees, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the copies of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter should remain in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and that further consideration of amendments or alterations to the same be postponed to the next session.

Resolved, That the consideration of the amendments to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter be postponed until the next session, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to state the objections to all the Grand Chapters in the Union, or Grand Secretaries thereof, and to the General Grand Secretary, and report next session any answers he may receive.

The Grand Chapter approved of the action of the Deputy Grand High Priest, in granting a Dispensation to hold a Chapter at Vergennes, in the State of Vermont, but postponed the question of granting a Warrant to that Chapter until the next session.

The Deputy Grand High Priest offered an apology for not attending the General Grand Chapter, as one of the proxies of this Grand Chapter, and it was resolved that the apology was amply satisfactory, and the Companion exonerated from any censure that might or could be attached to him by this Grand Chapter, or any individual thereof.

Whereas, It has pleased the Sovereign Disposer of events to remove from us Companion WARREN SMITH, late Grand King of this Grand Chapter, by death, the Grand Chapter holds his memory respected, and still possesses a high sense of his Masonic virtues and his persevering industry in promoting the Institution of Masonry, and does therefore

Resolve, That Comp. E. AMES, G. : H. : P. : , Z. R. SHEPHERD, D. : G. : H. : P. : , and WILLIAM PATRICK, P. : G. : S. : , be a Committee to procure a *mourning ring*, not exceeding \$12.00, at the expense of this Grand Chapter, and present the same with a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Smith, the widow of our

deceased Companion aforesaid, as a testimony of the regret we feel for the loss of a favorite member of this Grand Body.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Allowing Comp. S. EDMONDS, in addition to his expenses and horse hire on his journey to attend the General Grand Chapter, the sum of \$3.00 per day for attendance going and returning therefrom, and for those expenses the sum of \$26.33, in all \$41.23.

Approving all proceedings had in the Mark degree during this session.

Fixing the salary of the Grand Secretary at \$40.00 for the ensuing year.

Allowing TEMPLE LODGE the sum of \$10.00 for use of its room.

Ordering the payment of twenty shillings per day to the Grand Tiler for his attendance.

Allowing Comp. WM. ROGERS for refreshments £4 1s.; also an allowance for three broken tumblers, say 4s. 6d.

A grand lecture was given in this degree, with great satisfaction to the members, after which, the Grand Chapter closed without day.

JOHN SCOVILLE,
Grand Secretary.

1807.

GRAND Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York,
convened in Temple Lodge Room, in the City of Albany,
and opened on the Mark degree in due form, at ten o'clock A.
M., February 3d, 5807.

PRESENT:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" SAMUEL EDMONDS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" ASA FITCH,	Grand King.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Grand Scribe.
W. JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN MACAULEY,	Grand Visitor.
Comp. ABRAHAM MARTIN,	Grand Tiler.
M. E. ELISHA GILBERT, Jr.	Past Grand King.
" EPHRAIM ALLEN,	Past Grand Scribe.

And Representatives as follows:

1. Ancient, J. Disbrow, proxy.
2. Washington, Charles Parsley, proxy.
3. Hibernian, J. Disbrow, proxy.
4. Montgomery, Daniel Hale, P. G. K., proxy.
E. Child.
5. Temple, Christopher C. Yates.
J. F. Doty.
Daniel Jones.
8. Jerusalem, J. C. West, proxy.
9. De La Fayette, Salem Town, proxy.
— Caswell, "
— Cook, "
10. Federal, A. Skinner, proxy.
— Robbins, "
13. Lebanon, — Enos, proxy.
— Gillet, "
14. St. Andrew's, Abner Peck, proxy.
16. Rising Sun, Charles Parsley, proxy.

Comps. MATCHIN, MERRIL, DAY, HAZARD, D. HAMILTON, P.
PARTHY, NEWCOMB, and Z. HOTCHKISS.

The following Brethren and Companions were permitted to take seats as visitors:

M. CANDE, EASTWOOD, FALKNER, WALDO, HORTON, MOODY, D. LONDON, I. HEMPSTED, T. CAMPBELL, J. HERMANS, and WISSWALL.

The Grand Chaplain delivered an appropriate address.

Comp. I. HEMPSTED was appointed an assistant to the Grand Secretary during this session.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had, during the recess, granted sundry Dispensations to hold M.: M.: Lodges; also, for a Royal Arch Chapter in the County of Onondaga, and that the fees and petitions were in the hands of the Grand Secretary. He also reported that Warrants had been granted to the ANCIENT and WASHINGTON CHAPTERS, in the City of New York, agreeably to the 2d Article of the Regulations of this Grand Chapter. And also that he had granted a Dispensation to FREDONIAN CHAPTER, in the City of New York, which formerly worked by virtue of authority derived from the ANCIENT CHAPTER in said city.

The Deputy Grand High Priest reported that he had, during the recess, granted a Dispensation to Bros. JOHN W. COTTON, DANIEL THROOP, and JOHN NEWCOMB, for a Mark Lodge in the Village of Oxford, in the County of Chenango.

Comps. S. EDMONDS, A. FITCH, and ROBBINS, were appointed a Committee to report such alterations and amendments as were necessary to be made in the Constitution of this State Grand Chapter, and report during this session.

A communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island was referred to the above named Committee.

Warrants were granted for the following Mark Lodges, viz:

To BRN. LEMUEL CLARK, JOSEPH STARIN, and WILLIAM HAZARD, to hold a Lodge in the Town and County of Schoharie, by the name of AMES MARK LODGE.

To BRN. FREDERICK STEWARD, SOLOMON CAMPBELL, and JOHN KNOX, to hold a Lodge at Painted Post, by the name of STEUBEN MARK LODGE.

To BRN. NOAH TAYLOR, JEREMIAH O'CALLAGAN, and JEDUTHAN HIGBY, to hold a Lodge at Aurelius, in the County of Cayuga, by the name of HIRAM MARK LODGE.

To BRN. CONSTANT ANDREWS, GEORGE STIMSON, and THOMAS BENHAM, to hold a Lodge in Windham, County of Greene, by the name of HARMONY MARK LODGE.

To BRN. STEPHEN OWEN, DANIEL BEDFORD, and AHIMUZ EASTON, to hold a Lodge in Johnstown, in the County of Montgomery, by the name of MONTGOMERY MARK LODGE.

To BRN. STORM A. BECKER, CHRISTIAN HESS, and BARTHOLOMEW SWART, to hold a Lodge in Middleburgh, County of Schoharie, by the name of MIDDLEBURGH MARK LODGE.

To BRN. WILLIAM BERRY, JUN., TIMOTHY CURTISS, and AMOS B. FULLER, to hold a Lodge in Hamilton, County of Madison, by the name of MADISON MARK LODGE.

To BRN. WILLIAM S. CARDALL, REUBEN FAXON, and WILLIAM GOODRICH, to hold a Lodge in Hoosack, in the County of Rensselaer, by the name of HOOSACK MARK LODGE.

To BRN. IRA MORTIMER WELLS, SAMUEL FITCH RICHARDS, and LEONARD REED, to hold a Lodge in Troy, County of Rensselaer, by the name of APOLLO MARK LODGE.

The Mark lecture was given from the chair.

Adjourned without day in the Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 3D.

Opened on the Royal Arch degree, in due form.

PRESENT:—Officers, members, and visitors as in the Mark degree.

Warrants were granted as follows:

ONONDAGA CHAPTER,	in the Town and County of Onondaga.
NEW CONCORD “	in New Concord, County of Columbia.
FREDONIAN “	in the City of New York.

The Grand Chapter approved the action of the Grand High Priest, in granting Warrants during the recess to ANCIENT and WASHINGTON CHAPTERS, in the City of New York; and also in granting a Dispensation to FREDONIAN CHAPTER in the same city.

Comps. DISBROW, WADSWORTH, and ALLEN, were appointed a Committee to settle the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and also to receive the bond and surety of the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, agreeably to the resolution adopted February 2d, 1802.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" JAMES WOODS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOHN E. WEST,	Grand King.
" ABNER PECK,	Grand Scribe.
W.: JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
" JOHN MACAULEY,	Grand Visitor.
Comp. ABRAHAM MARTIN,	Grand Sentinel.

The officers elect were then duly installed, with the exception of the Deputy Grand High Priest elect, and the Grand King was appointed and authorized to install that officer.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were voted to Comp. TOWN, Grand Chaplain, for the faithful discharge of his duty the past year, and for his excellent prayer and oration delivered on the present occasion; and the Grand High Priest, and Comps. EDMONDS and ALLEN, were appointed a Committee to present him with a compliment of \$25.00.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 4TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—M.: E.: EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest, and officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to prepare the necessary amendments to the Constitution submitted a report recommending several amendments, the consideration of which was postponed until four o'clock P. M.

The same Committee reported, in relation to the communication from the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, that the proposed amendments to the Constitution would embrace all the objects contemplated in the resolutions of that Grand Chapter.

M^r. E^r. DEWITT CLINTON, Past Grand High Priest, reported that he had, agreeably to ancient custom and usage, by virtue of a Warrant from the Grand High Priest, installed the ANCIENT, WASHINGTON, and FREDONIAN CHAPTERS, in the City of New York.

The Royal Arch lecture was then given from the chair.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 4TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met agreeably to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The report of the Committee on amendments to the Constitution was duly considered and accepted, whereupon the Grand Secretary was directed to send to each Chapter in the jurisdiction a copy of the Constitution adopted on the 7th day of February, 1805, and also a printed copy of the report of the Committee, so that the said Chapters might act thereon agreeably to the 23d section of the 4th article of said Constitution.

The Committee appointed to settle the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary reported them correct, and presented the following statement of the funds of the Grand Chapter:

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer,	\$958 84
Turnpike stock,	50 00
Sundry notes,	54 25
Total,	<u>\$1063 09</u>

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Approving the proceedings had in the Mark degree during this session.

Appropriating \$10.00 to the Grand Secretary for extra services during the past year.

Allowing the Grand Tiler \$2.50 per day for his services during the present session.

Ordering the sum of \$15.00 paid to TEMPLE LODGE for the use of its room.

Directing \$6.00 to be paid to Comp. HEMPSTED for services as assistant to the Grand Secretary.

Requesting the proxies for Mark Lodges who had received compensation for travel and attendance the present session to refund the same.

Ordering Comp. MARTIN's bill for refreshments, amounting to \$9.00, to be paid.

Directing the Grand Secretary to forward to each Chapter and Mark Lodge in the jurisdiction a copy of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and apply to the General Grand King for a sufficient number of copies for that purpose.

Grand Chapter adjourned in due form without day.

JOHN SCOVILLE,
Grand Secretary.

1808.

GRAND Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York,
convened in Temple Lodge Room, in the City of Albany,
and opened on the Mark degree, February 2d, A. L. 5808.

PRESENT:

M. E. JAMES WOODS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
Comp. JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
" JOHN MACAULEY,	Grand Visitor.
" ABRAHAM MARTIN,	Grand Sentinel.
M. E. ELISHA GILBERT, Jun.,	Past Grand King.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Past Grand Scribe.

The following Companions produced vouchers, and took their
seats accordingly:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Israel Purdy.
2. Washington,	Robert Quinn.
3. Hibernian,	Robert Quinn.
4. Montgomery,	Robert Smith, proxy.
5. Temple,	Christopher C. Yates. John F. Doty. Isaac Hempsted.
8. Jerusalem,	Benjamin Prince, proxy
9. De La Fayette,	Salem Town, proxy.
10. Federal,	William Faulkner. Adonijah Skinner,
13. Lebanon,	Ebenezer Wadsworth. Daniel Green. Reuben Barker.
19. Fredonian,	Benjamin Prince, proxy.
20. Onondaga,	Caleb B. Merril.
21. New Concord,	Augustus F. Hayden. Abraham Smith.

M. M. LODGES.

Friendship,	Lemuel Hotchkiss. G. B. Benham.
Steuben,	Frederick Stewart.
Apollo,	Asa Anthony.
Forest,	Joseph Wadsworth.

Several Companions and Brethren were permitted to take seats as visitors.

The Grand Chaplain delivered an appropriate address.

The records were then read by the Grand Secretary, and a resolution was adopted allowing him an assistant during the session.

Comps. GILBERT, WADSWORTH, and PURDY, were appointed a Committee to settle the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and also to receive the bond and surety of the Grand Treasurer, agreeably to a resolution adopted at the session of 1802.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 2D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met agreeably to adjournment.

PRESENT:—M.: E.: EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest, and officers and members as before.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had, during the recess, granted Dispensations as follows :

To Comps. EDWARD SPICER, OLIVER STEPHENS, and NATHAN COOK, for a Chapter in the Town of BROOKFIELD, Madison County, by the name of WARREN CHAPTER, No. 22.

To Bro. FOWLER and others, for a M.: M.: Lodge in the Town of Oxford, in the County of Chenango.

To Bro. DANIEL MASON and others, for a M.: M.: Lodge in the Town of Hartford, in the County of Washington.

To Bro. JOHN GILES and others, for a M.: M.: Lodge in the Town of Milton, in the County of Saratoga.

The Deputy Grand High Priest reported that he had, during the recess, granted Dispensations for holding five Mark Lodges in the City of New York; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter do approve of the official proceedings of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests.

Warrants were then ordered to be filled up for the following Mark Lodges.

To Brn. THOMAS LYON, L. SHERWOOD, and E. ENOS, to hold a Lodge at Oxford, Chenango County, to be known as CHENANGO M.: M.: LODGE, No. 38.

To BRN. ELIAKIM CORRY, NATHAN WORDEN, and WILLIAM G. BASS, to hold a Lodge at the Town of Milton, Saratoga County, to be known as FRIENDSHIP M.: M.: LODGE, No. 39.

To BRN. J. FORRESTER, JOHN WESTERFIELD, and NOEL BLANCHE, to hold a Lodge at the City of New York, to be known as TRINITY M.: M.: LODGE, No. 40.

To BRN. SAMUEL CLARK, CHRISTIAN WHITE, and THO. PALLESTER, to hold a Lodge at the City of New York, to be known as BENEVOLENT M.: M.: LODGE, No. 41.

To BRN. JOHN CORBET, RICHARD ADAMS, and JOHN REGAN, to hold a Lodge at the City of New York, to be known as ST. JOHN'S No. 6 M.: M.: LODGE, No. 42.

To BRN. ROBERT FAIRCHILD, SAMUEL MONTGOMERY, and AMOS CURTIS, to hold a Lodge at the City of New York, to be known as HIRAM M.: M.: LODGE, No. 43.

To BRN. ISRAEL PURDY, TIMOTHY GARDNER, and JAMES MCCABE, to hold a Lodge at the City of New York, to be known as WOODS' M.: M.: LODGE, No. 44.

To BRN. POWELL HALL, S. C. KENNEDY, and JOSEPH CLARKE, to hold a Lodge at the County of Jefferson, to be known as WATERTOWN M.: M.: LODGE, No. 45.

A lecture was then given in the Mark degree, after which the Grand Chapter was closed in that degree, and immediately opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—M.: E.: EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest.

An error having been discovered in the filling up of the Warrant granted to RISING SUN CHAPTER, and reported to the Grand Chapter, it was

Resolved, That a new Warrant be filled up, bearing even date and number with the original, on the surrender of the old Warrant.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers, with the following result:

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" JAMES WOODS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" BENJAMIN PRINCE,	Grand King.
" ADONIJAH SKINNER,	Grand Scribe.
W.: JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. ABRAHAM MARTIN,	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comp. JOHN MACAULEY Grand Visitor for the eastern and western districts, and Comp. WILLIAM ROLLINSON Grand Visitor for the middle and southern districts.

Adjourned until nine o'clock, A. M.

FEBRUARY 3D, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand officers were installed in due form.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 3D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—M. E. EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest.

The amendments proposed to the Constitution at the last session were then taken up for consideration, and, after some time spent thereon, the following resolution was agreed to, together with its preamble:

Whereas, There has not a sufficient number of Chapters, under this jurisdiction, objected to the proposed amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and

Whereas, Returns have been received from some of the subordinate Chapters, and others remaining silent, making a constitutional number in the whole sufficient to confirm the proposed amendments, therefore,

Resolved, That the said Constitution is amended as proposed, and now, with the said amendments so confirmed, is the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

Comps. E. WADSWORTH, JAMES WOODS, and ROBERT QUINN, were appointed a Committee to examine and report if any, and what further, amendments or alterations ought to be taken into consideration.

The Grand Chapter voted its approval of all proceedings had in the Mark degree.

Adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 3D, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—M^r. E^r. EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest.

The lecture of the Royal Arch degree was given.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 4TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and Companions as before.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of further amendments to the Constitution submitted the following for the consideration of the Grand Chapter :

Section VI. of Article 2d, to add after the word Chapter, in the seventh line, "and it is further declared that each member of this Grand Chapter shall be entitled to receive from the funds thereof \$2.00 per day for his travel in going to and returning from the Grand Chapter, computing forty miles travel per day, and \$1.00 per day for his actual attendance, provided, nevertheless, that each Chapter shall receive pay for the travel and attendance of one member only, and every permanent member shall receive a like sum as aforesaid, and provided also that each member attending from a Chapter over twenty and under forty miles from the place of meeting of this Grand Chapter shall be entitled to the like compensation."

The Grand Secretary was directed to transmit to each of the Chapters in the jurisdiction a notice of the adoption of the amendments to the Constitution proposed at the last session, and also a copy of the amendment proposed at this session.

The Grand Secretary was also directed to procure 200 copies of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, for the use of this Grand Chapter, together with 500 blank returns for the Chapters and Lodges in this jurisdiction.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered to the Grand Chaplain for the faithful discharge of his duty the past year, and for the handsome address delivered on this occasion ; and Comps. MACAULEY, C. C. YATES, and McDONALD, were appointed a Committee to present the same with a compliment of \$25.00.

Adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 4TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and Companions as before.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, of the City of New York, having neglected, through unavoidable circumstances, to elect its officers on the eve of St. John's day, but did subsequently choose such officers, the Grand Chapter ratified the proceedings of such election of officers.

The following Chapters and Mark Lodges were reported as delinquents by the Grand Secretary, and it was

Resolved, That HUDSON and CYRUS CHAPTERS, and HIRAM M. M. LODGE, of Lansingburg; ASYLUM, CAMPBELL, PHOENIX, MONTGOMERY, No. 9, FORT EDWARD, FORTITUDE of Brooklyn, ST. JOHN'S, No. 26, and MOUNT MORIAH, No. 28, Mark Lodges, have forfeited their several Warrants, agreeably to the 3d Section of the 4th Article of the Constitution, by not paying their dues as therein prescribed, it is therefore further

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary furnish each of the aforesaid Chapters and Mark Lodges with a copy of the resolution, and demand from them their several Warrants, and also furnish each of the other Chapters and Mark Lodges in the jurisdiction with a copy of the aforesaid resolution.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Directing the Grand Treasurer to pay each attending member of the Grand Chapter on the basis of the amendment to the Constitution, as proposed at this session.

Allowing Comp. HEMPSTED \$3.00 per day for his services as assistant to the Grand Secretary.

Allowing Temple Lodge \$15.00 for use of room.

Allowing Comp. ABRAHAM MARTIN twenty shillings per day for his services as Grand Sentinel.

Appointing Comps. AMES and WADSWORTH a Committee to revise and amend the Rules of Order, and report at the opening of the next session.

Directing the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer not to receive any money for dues to the Grand Chapter but such as will pass current in this city.

A petition was presented from the members of HIBERNIAN CHAPTER, No. 3, of the City of New York, praying that the said Chapter may be known in the future as PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 3; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Deputy Grand High Priest be, and he is hereby authorized to erase the name of HIBERNIAN from the Warrant of that Chapter, and insert that of PHENIX, and that the said Chapter shall be known and distinguished in the future as PHENIX CHAPTER, No. 3.

Grand Chapter closed without day.

JOHN SCOVILLE,
Grand Secretary.

1809.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State New York, convened in Temple Lodge Room, in the City of Albany, and opened on the Mark degree, February 7th, 5809.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" JAMES WOODS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" ADONIJAH SKINNER,	Grand Scribe.
W.: JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. ABRAHAM MARTIN,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: SAMUEL EDMONDS,	P.: D.: G.: H.: P.:
" ELISHA GILBERT, Jun.,	P.: G.: K.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:
" WILLIAM PATRICK, Jun.,	P.: G.: S.:
" JEDEDIAH SANGER	P.: G.: S.:
" EPHRAIM ALLEN,	P.: G.: S.:
" ABNER PECK,	P.: G.: S.:

The following Companions and Brethren produced vouchers, and took their seats accordingly, viz:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	John S. Henry, proxy.
3. Phoenix,	John Macauley, proxy.
4. Montgomery,	William Patrick, Jun., proxy. Bethel Mather, proxy.
5. Temple,	Christopher C. Yates. Isaac Hempsted. Medad Cande.
6. Hudson,	Samuel Edmonds, proxy.
7. Horeb,	Jedediah Sanger, proxy. John Young, proxy.
9. De La Fayette,	Salem Town, proxy. John C. Parker, proxy.
10. Federal,	Adonijah Skinner, proxy.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
13. Lebanon,	Elisha Gilbert, Jun. Joseph Enos. Peleg Spencer.
16. Rising Sun,	Charles Postley, proxy.
19. Fredonian,	Thomas Lownds, proxy.
21. New Concord,	Augustus F. Hayden, proxy.
23. Warren,	James Hawkins, proxy.
25. Harmony,	John Newcomb, proxy.

M. M. LODGES.

5. Otsego,	Farrand Stranahan, proxy.
25. Friendship,	Lemuel Hotchkiss, proxy. Francis Bouton, proxy. Leveret Chittenden, proxy.
85. Apollo,	Asa Anthony, proxy.
46. Watertown,	Egbert Ten Eyck, proxy.
51. Orange,	Alexander R. Thompson, proxy.

Several Companions and Brethren were permitted to take seats as visitors.

The Grand Chaplain delivered an appropriate address.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had, during the recess, granted the following Dispensations, viz :

March 30th. To Comp. **SETH C. BELDING** and others, to hold a Royal Arch Chapter in the Town of Milton, Saratoga County.

April 16th. To Bro. **KINGSLEY** and others, to hold a Mark Lodge in the Town of Canajoharie, in the County of Montgomery.

April 28th. To Bro. **JOHN A. FERRIS** and others, to hold a Mark Lodge at Glens Falls, in Queensbury, County of Washington.

June 17th. To Comp. **NEWCOMB** and others, to hold a Royal Arch Chapter at Oxford, in the County of Chenango; and on

Nov. 5th. To Bro. **APOLLOS MOORE** and others, to hold a Mark Lodge at Rensselaerville, in the County of Albany.

The Deputy Grand High Priest reported that he had granted the following Dispensations, viz :

For a Mark Lodge in the Town of Goshen, in the County of Orange; also, at Mount Pleasant, in the County of Westchester; also, at Bloomingdale, New York; also, at Eastchester, in the County of Westchester; also, one at New York, by the name of St. **JOHN'S**, No. 1, and that **ORANGE MARK LODGE** had paid the fees, being \$15.00, and the others had given assurances that the sums respectively due by them should be transmitted to the Grand Chapter.

He also reported that a number of Companions residing in the State of New Jersey, where no Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter is held, having presented to him a petition recommended by the High Priest, King, and Scribe of JERUSALEM CHAPTER, in the City of New York, praying for a Warrant to hold a Chapter by the name of SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, in the City of New Brunswick, and State aforesaid, he had issued a Dispensation authorizing Companion LOWNDS to carry into effect the said Dispensation, and report to the Grand Chapter his proceedings by virtue thereof. And although he considered the granting of this Dispensation as repugnant to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, he had granted it in consequence of the respectable standing of the Companions recommending it, and because such grants had been allowed under similar circumstances, and that he was induced to the measure with a view to bring the subject to a determinate conclusion, and from the consideration that the Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, being the General Grand Scribe, would remedy the defect if necessary.

The reports of the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, as well as all applications for Mark Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters, were referred to a Committee consisting of Companions JAMES WOODS, ADONIJAH SKINNER, ELISHA GILBERT, JUN., SAMUEL EDMONDS, and JOHN SCOVILLE, to report thereon as soon as possible during the session.

The minutes of the last session were read and agreed to.

Comp. JAMES WOODS, from the Committee appointed to revise the Rules of Order, submitted a report recommending some amendments, and the report was laid over for further action.

Comps. SKINNER, EDMONDS, and ALLEN, were appointed a Committee to settle the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's books, and to receive the bond and security of the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, agreeably to a resolution adopted in 1802.

Adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 7TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Mark lecture was given from the chair.

The report of the Committee on revising the Rules of Order was then taken up and agreed to.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

The Grand Chapter was then opened on the Royal Arch degree.

A communication was read from ANCIENT CHAPTER relating to the expulsion of one of its members, and the Grand Secretary was directed to forward the necessary information relating thereto to the several Chapters under this jurisdiction, and to the respective Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, with the following result:

M.: E.	EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
"	JAMES WOODS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
"	JEDEDIAH SANGER,	Grand King.
"	SAMUEL EDMONDS,	Grand Scribe.
W.:	JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
"	CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
"	SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
"	JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
Comp.	ABRAHAM MARTIN,	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed, after which the Grand Chapter adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 8th, TEN o'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to consider the reports of the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, and applications for Mark Lodges, etc., recommended that Warrants should be granted as follows:

To BRN. APOLLOS MOORE, ICHABOD PECK, and JAMES SACKETT, to hold a Lodge at Rensselaerville, County of Albany, by the name of EVENING STAR MARK LODGE, No. 47.

To BRN. CHESTER KINGLEY, DANIEL BEACH, and ROBERT BOWMAN, to hold a Lodge at Canajoharie, County of Montgomery, by the name of CAN-AJOHARIE MARK LODGE, No. 48.

To BRN. JOHN HOLLY, THOMAS SMITH, and TITUS SIMMONDS, to hold a Lodge at North East, County of Dutchess, by the name of SOLOMON'S MARK LODGE, No. 49.

To BRN. GEORGE RICE, HOOKER BALLARD, and SAMUEL HOAR, JUN., to hold a Lodge at Homer, County of Cortland, by the name of CENTER MARK LODGE, No. 50.

To BRN. OLIVER COMSTOCK, REUBEN S. BROWN, and JASPER SHULTZ, to hold a Lodge at Ovid, County of Seneca, by the name of WARREN MARK LODGE, No. 52.

To BRN. ELISHA JOHNSTON, THOMAS H. KELLOGG, and JAMES SHIBLEY, to hold a Lodge at Canandaigua, County of Ontario, by the name of ONTARIO MARK LODGE, No. 53.

To BRN. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, JAMES WOODS, and THOMAS RICHARDS, to hold a Lodge in the City of New York, by the name of ST. JOHN'S No. 1 MARK LODGE, No. 54.

To BRN. PHILIP BECANON, BENJAMIN GATFIELD, and MICHAEL GOUGH, to hold a Lodge at Bloomingdale, in the City of New York, by the name of JERUSALEM MARK LODGE, No. 55.

To BRN. JOHN A. FERRIS, ISRAEL P. BALDWIN, and HANMER PALMER, to hold a Lodge at Queensbury, county of Washington, by the name of FELICITY MARK LODGE, No. 56.

Warrants were accordingly granted to the foregoing Mark Lodges, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee.

The Committee further reported that the applications recommended by the Deputy Grand High Priest, and Comp. WEST, Past Grand King, were not constitutional, the Committee therefore recommended that Warrants be granted to the following Mark Lodges whenever the petitioners should comply with the Constitution and produce proper recommendations:

To BRN. WILLIAM ELLIOTT, WILLIAM A. THOMPSON, and EDWARD ELY, to hold a Lodge at Goshen, County of Orange, by the name of ORANGE MARK LODGE, No. 51.

To Bro. RALPH HODGE and others, to hold a Lodge at the City of New York, by the name of INDEPENDENT ROYAL ARCH MARK LODGE, No. 57.

To Bro. CALEB CORNELL and others, to hold a Lodge at East Chester, County of Westchester, by the name of EAST CHESTER MARK LODGE, No. 58.

To Bro. ALLEN ROYCE and others, to hold a Lodge at Mount Pleasant, County of Westchester, by the name of HIRAM MARK LODGE, No. 59.

The Mark lecture was given from the Chair.
Grand Chapter closed in Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 8TH, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter was opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had transmitted the proposed amendments to the Constitution to the several Chapters and Mark Lodges, and had written to all delinquent Chapters and Mark Lodges either to pay their dues or return their Warrants. ASYLUM, CÆYMANS, and PHENIX (N. Y.) MARK LODGES had returned their Warrants, and HUDSON CHAPTER, No. 6, HUDSON MARK LODGE, No. 3, MOUNT MORIAH MARK LODGE, No. 27, and COOPERSTOWN MARK LODGE, had paid their dues and resumed their work with flattering prospects.

Comps. JEDEDIAH SANGER, SAMUEL EDMONDS, EBENEZER WADSWORTH, JOHN S. HENRY, and THOMAS LOWNDS, were appointed a Committee to report if any and what amendments were necessary to be made to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. LOWNDS returned the Warrant of PHENIX MARK LODGE, No. 7.

The Grand Chapter, on motion, ratified a Dispensation granted by the Deputy Grand High Priest to WASHINGTON CHAPTER, in the City of New York, for the election of the High Priest of said Chapter in place of the Companion who was elected at the time prescribed in the Constitution, but subsequently declined the office.

St. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, No. 14, having failed to elect its officers at the proper time, the Grand Chapter, on a petition of its members,

Resolved, That the officers of the said Chapter elected for the last year shall be the officers for the present year, the same as if they had been constitutionally elected.

We, EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest, and JAMES WOODS, Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, do hereby constitute and appoint JOSEPH ENOS, Jun., of the County of Madison, Grand Visitor for the western district of the State of New York, JOHN MACAULEY, of the City of Albany, Grand Visitor for the eastern district, EBENEZER WADSWORTH, of the County of Columbia, for the middle district, and THOMAS SKETCHLEY, of the City of New York, Grand Visitor for the southern district of the said State.

Given under our hands and private seals, in open Grand Chapter, this 8th day of February, A. L. 5809.

Signed,

EZRA AMES,
JAMES WOODS.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary deliver to each of the Grand Visitors for the respective districts of this State a certified copy of their appointment and of this resolution, and they are enjoined to use and practice, and to cause to be used and practiced, in the several Chapters and Mark Lodges, the mode of working as adopted and sanctioned by the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, and this Grand Chapter and the said several Chapters and Mark Lodges, as far as may be, are to conform thereto.

Comp. EDMONDS, from the Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, and also the several petitions for Chapters and Mark Lodges, reported that, in their opinion, the Dispensations granted by the Grand High Priest for a Chapter at the Village of Oxford, in the County of Chenango, and also for a Chapter at Ballston Spa, in the Town of Milton, in the County of Saratoga, ought to be confirmed. And that the petitions for a Chapter in the town of Massena, in the County of St. Lawrence, and for a Chapter at the Village of Otsego, in the County of Otsego, ought to be granted.

And the Committee are further of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners for a Warrant to hold a Chapter at the City of New Brunswick, in the State of New Jersey, ought not to be granted, inasmuch as by the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, this Grand Chapter is not authorized to grant Warrants for Chapters without this State; but, as it appears a Dispensation issued from the Deputy Grand High Priest authorizing the petitioners to hold a Chapter till the pleasure of the Grand Chapter could be made known in the premises, and they being represented of good standing and morals, the Committee are therefore of opinion, and accordingly recommend to this Grand Chapter to pass a resolution requesting the Grand High Priest, who is the General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter, to grant a Dispensation to the petitioners upon their complying with the regulations in such cases prescribed by the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution.

Resolved, Therefore, that Warrants be granted for the following Chapters, viz:

To Comps. ELIAKIM CORY, GEORGE H. BENHAM, and JONATHAN KELLOGG, to hold a Chapter at Ballston Spa, Milton, County of Saratoga, by the name of WARREN CHAPTER, No. 23.

To Comps. ELISHA DENISON, DANIEL ROBISON, and JOHN POLLY, to hold a Chapter at Massena, County of St. Lawrence, by the name of ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER, No. 24.

To Comps. JOHN NEWCOMB, BLISS WILLOUGHBY, and THOMAS LYON, to hold a Chapter at Oxford, County of Chenango, by the name of HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 25.

To Comps. FARRAND STRANAHAN, ELIJAH H. METCALF, and WILLIAM SPRAGUE, to hold a Chapter at Otsego, County of Otsego, by the name of OTSEGO CHAPTER, No. 26.

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 8TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Royal Arch lecture was given from the Chair.

The amendments proposed to the Constitution at the last session were taken into consideration and adopted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to send three copies of the Constitution and Rules of Order, when printed, to each Chapter and Mark Lodge in the jurisdiction.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were voted to the Grand Chaplain for the faithful discharge of his duty the past year, and the address delivered on the present occasion, and Comps. WADSWORTH, PATRICK, and POSTLEY, were appointed a Committee to present him with a compliment of \$25.00.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 9TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary reported them correct, and that they had taken the bond and security for the funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, amounting to \$2,167.76, as follows:

Great Western Turnpike stock,	\$50 00
Timothy Babcock's note,	11 25
Charles Slocum's note,	23 00
Cash in hand,	<u>2083 51</u>
Total,	\$2167 76

A memorial was read from CAMPBELL'S MARK LODGE, No. 17, stating that for several years past the Lodge had been in a bad condition, owing to the members living at a remote distance from the Lodge, and other causes, and that as nearly as could be ascertained there was a balance due the Grand Chapter amounting to \$20.00, which if the Grand Chapter would consent to accept, the Lodge would in future endeavor to make constitutional returns, whereupon it was

Resolved, That on CAMPBELL'S MARK LODGE paying the sum of \$20.00 to the Grand Chapter all dues shall be remitted it to this time, and the said Lodge shall be placed on the same footing as the most favored Lodges are.

A resolution was adopted providing that any Companion who should be accepted as the proxy for any Chapter or for any High Priest, King, or Scribe of any Chapter, or for any standing member of the Grand Chapter, should only be entitled to traveling fees from his actual place of residence and no further, provided his place of residence shall not be at a greater distance from the Grand Chapter than the Chapter is from which he shall derive his authority, in such case his traveling fees shall be computed from the Chapter which he is intended to represent.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Allowing TEMPLE LODGE \$15.00 for use of room.

Ordering \$12.00 to be paid to Comp. HEMPSTED for his services as assistant to the Grand Secretary.

Fixing the salary of the Grand Secretary at \$100.00 for the ensuing year.

Agreeing to pay Comp. MARTIN twenty shillings per day for his services as Grand Sentinel.

Directing the Grand Treasurer to audit and pay Comp. MARTIN's bill for refreshments.

The Grand Chapter was then closed.

JOHN SCOVILLE,

Grand Secretary.

1810.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, convened in Temple Lodge Room, in the City of Albany, and opened on the Mark degree, February 6th, 5810.

PRESENT:

M. E.	EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
"	JAMES WOODS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
	By his proxy, Comp. ISRAEL PURDY.	
"	JEDEDIAH SANGER,	Grand King.
Comp.	JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
"	CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
"	JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
"	SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
"	BENONI B. FORMAN,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E.	ELISHA GILBERT, JUN.,	P. G. K.
"	ASA FITCH,	P. G. K.
"	DANIEL HALE, JUN.,	P. G. K.
"	BENJAMIN PRINCE,	P. G. K.
	By WILLIAM T. HUNTER, proxy.	
"	EPHRAIM ALLEN,	P. G. S.
"	ABNER PECK,	P. G. S.
"	EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.
"	ADONIJAH SKINNER,	P. G. S.

The following Companions produced proper vouchers, and took their seats accordingly, as Representatives of the following Chapters, viz:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Richard Hatfield, Jun.
4. Montgomery,	William Fellows.
	Daniel Hale, Jun.
	Nathan Sherwood.
5. Temple,	Christopher C. Yates.
	John Macauley.
	Isaac Hempsted.
6. Hudson,	Benjamin Allen.
7. Horeb,	Jedediah Sanger.
8. Jerusalem,	William T. Hunter.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
9. De La Fayette,	John C. Parker. William Swetland,
10. Federal,	Asa Fitch, William Faulkner. Edmond H. Wells.
13. Lebanon,	Elisha Gilbert, Jun. Ebenezer Wadsworth.
14. St. Andrew's,	Abel Watkins.
16. Rising Sun,	Jacob McKeag.
19. Fredonian,	Israel Purdy.
21. New Concord,	A. F. Hayden. Benjamin Lovejoy. Philo Kilborn.
22. Warren,	Charles Huntington.

Several Companions and Brethren were allowed to take seats as visitors.

The Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing from Deity, and delivered an appropriate address.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had, during the recess, granted the following Dispensations:

Feb., 1809. To Bro. BENJAMIN COOK and others, to hold a Mark Lodge in the Town of Lima, in the County of Ontario

March 2, 1809. To Bro. DANIEL LANDON and others, to hold a Mark Lodge at Union Village, in the Town of Nassau, in the County of Rensselaer.

June 15, 1809. To Bro. ANDREW SIMPSON and others, to hold a Mark Lodge in the Town of Scipio, in the County of Cayuga.

July 15, 1809. To Companion SIMEON FORD and others, to hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Town of Herkimer, in the County of Herkimer.

Nov., 1809. To Bro. POLODORE B. WISNER and others, to hold a Mark Lodge in the Town of Seneca, in the County of Ontario.

The report of the Deputy Grand High Priest was presented by his proxy, and read in the words following, viz:

The undersigned respectfully reports, that, as soon after the close of the last session as was convenient, he, in conformity with the Constitution, appointed Companion THOMAS SKETCHLY (High Priest of JERUSALEM CHAPTER) Grand Visitor for the southern district of this State; and in the discharge of the duties incumbent upon that office, I am persuaded he has been assiduous and faithful, and merits the approbation of the fraternity.

Upon the subject of the Chapters in general in this city, I have only to observe that they are well organized, and a perfect good understanding subsists amongst them—endeavoring as much as in their reach to contribute to the welfare of the Grand Chapter, and to that of its subordinate instructions. It is also with pleasure that I take the liberty of inferring the same sentiments with regard to the several Mark Lodges.

The Chapters and Lodges have appointed Delegates to represent them in the Grand Chapter, and they are furnished with the necessary returns and vouchers.

An application was made to me during the last summer to grant a Dispensation for a Chapter in this city, by the name of COLUMBIAN CHAPTER, and upon due consideration, I granted it. The papers presented to me on the occasion are herewith transmitted. The Companions of that Chapter have since returned me the Dispensation (and which I also forward to you), and have associated themselves with the Companions of FREDONIAN CHAPTER.

It is at their request that I respectfully submit to the consideration and decision of the Grand Chapter, whether the Companions thus circumstanced are entitled, on principle or *ex gratia*, to a return of any, and what portion, of the price which ought to have been paid at the time of obtaining the Dispensation.

I also transmit petitions for Mark Warrants—Dispensations have issued upon each, and are promised to be forwarded to the Grand Chapter at an early day in the session.

Our Companions at New Brunswick, in the State of New Jersey, I am informed, contemplate preferring a petition to the General Grand Scribe for a Dispensation to hold a Chapter at that place, and from a knowledge of their characters I take the liberty of giving it a most sincere sanction.

I have constituted our respected Companion ISRAEL PURDY (King of ANCIENT CHAPTER) as my proxy, to do for me all things in the Grand Chapter as I could do if personally present.

Be pleased to accept of my best respects for the prosperity of the Grand Chapter, and for your welfare, and that of each of our Companions.

JAMES WOODS.

New York, Jan. 31, 1809.

Comps. FITCH, GILBERT, and HATFIELD, were appointed a Committee to take into consideration the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priest, and also the several applications for Mark and Chapter Warrants.

Comps. PURDY, PECK, and N. ALLEN, were appointed a Committee to examine and settle the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's books, and also to receive the bond and surety of the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were voted to the Grand Chaplain for his address, and for the faithful discharge of his

duty the past year; and Comps. WADSWORTH, HUNTER, and YATES, were appointed a Committee to present him with a compliment of \$25.00.

MADISON MARK LODGE, No. 30, was granted the privilege of returning its Warrant, the members being principally members of WARREN CHAPTER.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 6TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as reported in the Mark degree.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year with the following result, viz:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" JAMES WOODS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JEDEDIAH SANGER,	Grand King.
" SAMUEL EDMONDS,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
" BENONI B. FORMAN,	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were duly installed, excepting the Deputy Grand High Priest and Grand Scribe, who were not present.

Adjourned in the R. A. degree until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 7TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Mark degree.

The Committee appointed to consider the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priest, together with the several applications for Mark and Chapter Warrants, reported that in their opinion the following Warrants ought to be granted, viz:

To BRN. DANIEL LANDON, JEREMIAH BRAINARD, and CHAS. MASON, to hold a Lodge at Nassau, County of Rensselaer, by the name of TRINITY MARK LODGE, No. 58.

To BRN. BENJAMIN COOK, ASAHIEL WARNER, and CYRUS WELLS, to hold a Lodge at Lima, County of Ontario, by the name of TRINITY MARK LODGE, No. 59.

To BRN. ANDREW SIMPSON, ROBERT L. TRACY, and WILLIAM ALLEN, to hold a Lodge at Scipio, County of Cayuga, by the name of VENUS MARK LODGE, No. 60.

To BRN. PEARLY PHILLIPS, POLODORE B. WISNER, and DANIEL COOK, to hold a Lodge at Seneca, County of Ontario, by the name of GENEVA MARK LODGE, No. 61.

To BRN. NATHANIEL HALL, GIDEON TAFT, and SAMUEL DOWNS, to hold a Lodge at Whitehall, County of Washington, by the name of SOCIAL FRIENDS' MARK LODGE, No. 62.

To BRN. COMFORT BUTLER, NATHAN ADAMS, and SEYMOUR H. ADAMS, to hold a Lodge at Ithaca, County of Seneca, by the name of EAGLE MARK LODGE, No. 63.

To BRN. ADONIRAM FOOT, SOLOMON RATHBONE, and WILLIAM DARBYSHIRE, to hold a Lodge at Martinsburgh, County of Lewis, by the name of SANGER MARK LODGE, No. 64.

The report of the Committee was accepted, and Warrants ordered to be issued accordingly.

The Mark lecture was given from the Chair.

The Grand Chapter was then closed on the Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 7TH, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT :—Officers and members as before.

A resolution was adopted declaring it to be the duty of the Grand Secretary, whenever any Chapter or Mark Lodge should constitutionally forfeit its warrant, to demand the surrender of the same.

A petition was read from a number of Brethren of the Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester, praying for a Warrant to hold a Mark Lodge in the said town, and, on motion, the petition was referred to the Grand Secretary, Grand

Treasurer, and Comp. HUNTER, to take the same into consideration.

A complaint was made by DAVID HAMILTON against FRANKLIN MARK LODGE, No. 22, in Charlestown, for advancing members from within the jurisdiction of AMES MARK LODGE, No. 28, in contravention of the 9th section of the 4th article of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and, also, for associating in a Masonic manner with Brethren under suspension as Master Masons.

The said complaint was referred to Comps. SWETLAND, PARKER, and WADSWORTH, who subsequently reported that, having heard the testimony of Comp. HAMILTON, they were of opinion that the charges being regularly substantiated by AMES MARK LODGE, and presented to the Grand High Priest, he should be empowered to suspend the working of FRANKLIN MARK LODGE so far as respects the admission and discharge of members, and conferring degrees, until the next session of the Grand Chapter, and in such case, that the Grand Secretary notify the said FRANKLIN LODGE that it then may make its defence.

The report was agreed to.

The Committee appointed to consider the petition for a MARK LODGE at Eastchester reported that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted when constitutionally recommended, which, when done, the Grand Secretary should issue a Warrant accordingly.

The report was accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred applications for Warrants reported, after due consideration of the subject, that, in their opinion, Warrants ought to be granted to the following Chapters, viz:

To Comps. WILLIAM LAPON, RUFUS CRANE, and SIMEON FORD, to hold a Chapter at Herkimer, County of Herkimer, by the name of HERKIMER CHAPTER, No. 27.

To Comps. ALBON MANN, SAMUEL PECK, and SAMUEL PEASE, to hold a Chapter at Ezrville, County of Franklin, by the name of NORTHERN CONSTELLATION CHAPTER, No. 28.

To Comps. GEORGE RICE, ASAHIEL MINER, and REUBEN WASHBURN, to hold

a Chapter at Homer, County of Cortland, by the name of WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 29.

The report was accepted, and Warrants ordered to be issued accordingly.

DE LA FAYETTE CHAPTER reported that it had expelled ASA HUNT on the 30th day of July last.

The Grand Chapter approved and ratified the proceedings thereon of the said Chapter.

Relative to the Dispensation granted by the Deputy Grand High Priest to Comp. LOWNDS and others, to hold COLUMBIAN CHAPTER in the City of New York, and which Dispensation was afterwards returned, the Committee to whom the matter was referred reported that Comp. THOMAS LOWNDS and others, to whom the said Dispensation was granted, ought to pay \$30.00 into the treasury of the Grand Chapter instead of the constitutional fee.

The report was agreed to.

The Grand Secretary made a report of the standing of the several Chapters and Mark Lodges.

The report of the Grand Visitor for the southern district was read and ordered on file.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 8TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer reported them correct, and presented the following statement of the funds of the Grand Chapter:

Turnpike stock and notes,	. . . . .	\$ 127 25
Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer,	. . . . .	2319 86
Total,	. . . . .	<hr/>\$2447 11

The report was accepted.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Ratifying all proceedings had in the Mark degree during the session.

Appointing Comps. SCOVILLE, YATES, and MACAULEY, a Committee to ascertain the distance of the several Chapters in the jurisdiction from the City of Albany, and report at the next session.

Instructing the Representatives of this Grand Chapter, at the next session of the General Grand Chapter, to use their best exertions to induce the General Grand Chapter to take under its authority and protection such degrees of masonry as are not under constituted authorities, and to adopt regulations for conferring the same in a constitutional and masonic manner.

Allowing \$15.00 to TEMPLE LODGE for the use of its room.

Directing the Grand Treasurer to audit and pay Comp. FORMAN's bill for refreshments.

Allowing Comp. FORMAN \$2.50 *per diem* for his services as Grand Sentinel the present session.

Ordering the sum of \$12.00 to be paid to Comp. HEMPSTED for his services as assistant to the Grand Secretary the present session.

Declaring that hereafter no proxy for a standing member of the Grand Chapter should be entitled to receive pay for travel and attendance.

Making it the duty of the Grand Visitors to attend the regular meetings of the Grand Chapter, and that they shall receive the like pay for travel and attendance as members are entitled to receive, provided such Grand Visitors shall not receive pay as such, if members of the Grand Chapter for the time being.

Grand Chapter closed in due form.

JOHN SCOVILLE,
Grand Secretary.

1811.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, and opened on the Mark degree, February 5th, 5811.

PRESENT:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" SAMUEL EDMONDS,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
" B. B. FORMAN,	Grand Sentinel.

M. E. WILLIAM PATRICK, P. G. S.

The following Companions produced vouchers of their membership, and took their seats as Representatives of their Chapters, as follows:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Samuel Montgomery.
2. Washington,	John G. Bogart.
3. Phoenix,	William Carlisle.
4. Montgomery,	B. Mather. J. Olmsted.
5. Temple,	Christopher C. Yates. John Macauley. Isaac Hempsted.
6. Hudson,	Samuel Edmonds. Benjamin Allen.
9. De La Fayette,	William Swetland. D. Shumway.
10. Federal,	E. H. Wells. H. Pratt.
13. New Lebanon,	Esek King. D. W. Patterson,
14. St. Andrew's,	Joseph D. Beers. Abel Watkins.
16. Rising Sun,	Archibald Ball.
19. Fredonian,	Robert Young.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
20. Onondaga,	John Macauley.
21. New Concord,	Augustus F. Hayden. Philo Kilbourn.
22. Warren,	Henry Clark,
23. Warren,	A. Alcott.
24. St. Lawrence,	Thomas Stedman.
25. Harmony,	John Newcomb.
29. Washington,	George Rice.

Several Companions and Brethren were permitted to take seats as visitors.

After the usual forms, by the Grand Chaplain, of invoking a blessing from Deity, and delivering an appropriate address, the Grand Chapter was declared in order for business.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Grand High Priest reported that, during the recess, he had granted the following Dispensations:

To Bro. OLIVER KELLOGG and others, to hold a Mark Lodge in the Town of Amenia, County of Dutchess, June, 1810.

To Bro. PETER C. VEEDER and others, to hold a Mark Lodge in the City of Schenectady, Sept., 1810.

To Comp. JOHN NEWCOMB and others, to hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Owasco Flats, in the Town of Sempronius, County of Cayuga, Nov. 23, 1810.

Comps. R. YOENG, HENRY CLARK, and WILLIAM SWETLAND, were appointed a Committee to take the foregoing report into consideration.

Comps. WILLIAM CARLISLE, ESEK KING, E. H. WELLS, and THOMAS STEDMAN, were appointed a Committee to examine and settle the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and to receive the bond and surety of the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, agreeably to a resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter in 1802, with directions to report the same together with the state of the funds.

Comps. YATES, YOUNG, and WADSWORTH, were appointed a Committee to wait on the Grand Chaplain and present him the thanks of this Grand Chapter for his excellent address delivered on the present occasion, and also to present him with \$25.00 as

a token of esteem and in consideration of the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

Comps. SAMUEL EDMONDS, SAMUEL MONTGOMERY, AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN, and JOHN NEWCOMB, were appointed a Committee of Ways and Means, and to take into consideration such matters as may be laid before them not already provided for.

The Mark lecture was given from the Chair.

Adjourned to ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 5TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before reported.

There being no immediate business before the Grand Chapter it was adjourned to meet at eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 6TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Mark degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

A diversity of opinion having arisen among the members of the Grand Chapter concerning the 3d and 5th sections of the 3d article of the General Grand R.: A.: Constitution, a Committee, consisting of Comps. EDMONDS, SWETLAND, and MONTGOMERY, was appointed to take the subject into consideration, in order that the sense of this Grand Chapter, in relation thereto, might be taken to explain the same for the information of its subordinate Chapters and Lodges.

Adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 6TH, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers, with the following result:

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" JOHN C. LUDLOW,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" SAMUEL EDMONDS,	Grand King.
" JOSEPH ENOS, Jun.,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. JOHN SCOVILLE,	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
" BENONI B. FORMAN,	Grand Sentinel.

All the Grand Officers elect who were present were duly installed.

Deputy Grand High Priest JAMES WOODS was authorized and empowered to install the Deputy elect, Comp. JOHN C. LUDLOW.

The Grand High Priest appointed Grand Visitors:

Western District	JOSEPH ENOS, Jun.
Eastern "	JOHN MACAULEY.
Middle "	EBENEZER WADSWORTH.

The Grand Visitor for the southern district to be appointed by M.: E.: JOHN C. LUDLOW, D.: G.: H.: P.:

M.: E.: JEDEDIAH SANGER, P.: G.: K.:, was authorized to install JOSEPH ENOS, Jun., Grand Scribe elect.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 6TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to consider the reports of the Grand High Priest, as well as all applications for Warrants, recommended that his action be ratified, and that Warrants be granted as follows, viz:

To Comps. JOHN NEWCOMB, CYRUS POWERS, and DAVID ANNABAL, to hold a Chapter at Owasco Flats, in Sempronius, County of Cayuga, by the name of JOHN THE BAPTIST CHAPTER, No. 80.

To BRN. OLIVER KELLOGG, AMARIAH WINCHESTER, and JOSHUA LOVELL, to hold a Lodge at Amenia, County of Dutchess, by the name of HIRAM MARK LODGE, No. 65.

To BRN. SAMUEL LEE, PETER C. VEEDER, and JACOB THURSTON, to hold a Lodge at Schenectady, County of Schenectady, by the name of TYRIAN MARK LODGE, No. 66.

The report was accepted, and Warrants were ordered to be issued accordingly.

The Committee of Ways and Means, having considered the following matters referred, reported that, in their opinion, the return made by ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER, No. 24, of its members, though not deemed perfectly correct, was agreeable to the spirit of the Constitution; and in the case of WARREN CHAPTER, No. 23, it appears that their several officers had been entrusted with its funds, and having been unfortunate in business, were not in a situation to refund the same; the Committee therefore recommended that the dues of the said Chapter be remitted, after deducting the account of its Representative for his attendance on the Grand Chapter, amounting to \$7.00.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 6TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Mark degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Secretary was authorized to erase from the Warrant of WARREN CHAPTER, No. 23, the words "Ballston Spa," whenever the members of the said Chapter shall apply for the same under the seal of the Chapter, certified by the Secretary.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 7TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject matter of

the 3d and 5th sections of article 3d, of the General Grand R.: A.: Constitution, reported in substance, as follows:

That, although authority be given by a Warrant constituting a Chapter to open a Mark Lodge and confer that degree, yet that a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and a Mark Master's Lodge are, notwithstanding, two separate and distinct bodies; and that although, by immemorial usage, Mark Lodges have been under the immediate jurisdiction of Grand Chapters, there is still as definite a distinction between a Chapter and a Mark Lodge as there is between the latter and a Lodge of Master Masons. The Committee are therefore of opinion that it is unconstitutional, and contrary to the true intent and meaning of the aforesaid sections, that members of a Mark Lodge, constituted by exclusive and special Warrants, should be also members of a Mark Lodge held under the authority of a Chapter Warrant. The Committee are, however, further of opinion that members of a Mark Lodge, constituted by special and exclusive Warrant, may be also members of a Chapter, although the Warrant of such Chapter give authority for holding a Mark Lodge, and that such members, if they have received the higher degrees, may, when said Chapter is open in the higher degrees, have all the privileges of the other members; but that, when such Chapter is opened on the Mark degree, the privileges of members belonging to any other Mark Lodge entirely cease, and they can be considered in no other point of view than as visiting members (brethren). To prevent further diversity and misunderstandings on this subject, the Committee report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the above report be adopted as the sense and opinion of this Grand Chapter, and that all Chapters and Mark Lodges under this jurisdiction govern themselves accordingly.

The Grand Chapter then closed on the Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 7TH, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer reported them correct; also, that they had received the bond and surety of the Grand Treasurer as directed, and the funds of the Grand Chapter consisted of the following:

Turnpike Stock,	\$50 00
Notes,	77 25
Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer,	2,756 48
Total,	<u>\$2,883 73</u>

The Grand High Priest, and Comps. SAMUEL EDMONDS, JOHN G. BOGART, JOHN SCOVILLE, and ISAAC HEMPSTED, were appointed a Committee to ascertain the best method of employing the funds for the purpose of increasing the same, and report at the next session.

The following was adopted:

Whereas, Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, EZRA AMES, from an ardent and highly laudable anxiety to promote the welfare of masonry, and the interests and well being of this Grand Chapter in particular, has for a long period consented to officiate in the station he now holds, to the manifest injury of his professional avocations and real detriment to his individual interests, and

Whereas, It is evident that this institution owes much of its present respectability, harmony, and general usefulness to his fostering care and assiduous attention, therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, EZRA AMES, for his having generously preferred the welfare of this institution to his own personal emolument; for his long perseverance and strenuous exertions in promoting the object for which this society was instituted, and in raising it from infancy to its respectable and useful standing; and that, not only as a small compensation for the sacrifices he has made, but as a testimony of our gratitude for his services and respect for his worth, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be, and they are hereby authorized and required to procure and present him immediately with a service of plate, of the value of a sum not exceeding \$150.00, with an appropriate device engraved thereon, together with a certified copy of this preamble and resolution, written in a fair and handsome manner, with the seal of this Grand Chapter annexed thereto; and it is hereby expressly understood and reserved, that this proceeding of the Grand Chapter shall not be considered as a precedent or pledge that this Grand Chapter will make a similar donation unless similar circumstances shall render it equally just and proper.

The following resolutions were severally adopted, viz:

Resolved, That \$100.00 be allowed the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That \$15.00 be allowed TEMPLE CHAPTER for the use of its room this session.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer audit and pay Comp. FORMAN's bill for refreshments, and that he also pay him \$2.50 per day for his attendance on the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That all proceedings had in the Mark degree during this session be and they are hereby confirmed.

Resolved, That Comp. HEMPSTED be allowed \$3.00 per day for his attendance as Deputy Grand Secretary.

The Royal Arch lecture was given from the chair.

Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

JOHN SCOVILLE,

Grand Secretary.

1812.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, convened in Temple Chapter Room, and opened on the Mark degree, Albany, February 4th, 1812.

PRESENT:

M. E.	EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
"	SAMUEL EDMONDS,	Grand King.
"	JOSEPH ENOS, Jun.,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	ISAAC HEMPSTED,	Grand Secretary, <i>pro tem.</i>
"	CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
"	SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
"	JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
"	BENONI B. FORMAN,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E.	ELISHA GILBERT, Jun.,	P. G. K.:
"	EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.:
"	WILLIAM PATRICK,	P. G. S.:

The following Companions produced vouchers of membership and took their seats accordingly:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Robert Hayward.
3. Phoenix,	Green Hall.
4. Montgomery,	Nathan D. Sherwood.
6. Hudson,	Samuel Edmonds. James Strong.
7. Horeb,	Obediah Congar.
8. Jerusalem,	John Utt.
9. De La Fayette,	Salem Town. Nathaniel Hall.
10. Federal,	Edmond H. Wells.
13. Lebanon,	Reuben Barker. Ebenezer Wadsworth. Elisha Gilbert, Jun.
16. Rising Sun,	John N. Johnston.
19. Fredonian,	Robert Young.
20. Onondaga,	Leonard Kellogg.
21. New Concord,	Augustus F. Hayden,

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
22. Warren,	Joseph Enos, Jun.
24. St. Lawrence,	Elisha Denison.
25. Harmony,	William Cable.
27. Herkimer,	M. M. Meyers.
29. Washington,	Joshua Ballard.
30. John the Baptist,	John Newcomb.
U. D. Solomon,	John Brush.

Several Companions and Brethren were permitted to take seats as visitors.

The Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing from Deity and delivered an appropriate address, after which the Grand Chapter was declared open for business.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had, during the recess, granted the following Dispensations, viz:

Feb. 14, 1811. To Bro. JOSEPH COLT and others, to hold a Lodge of Mark Master Masons in the Village of Palmyra, in the County of Ontario.

Nov. 14, 1811. To Bro. ABRAHAM WEMPLE and others, to hold a Lodge of Mark Master Masons in the Town of Canajoharie, in the County of Montgomery.

Dec. 23, 1811. To Comp. FREDERICK HARRISON and others, to hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Village of Poughkeepsie, in the County of Dutchess.

Fees paid into the hands of the Grand Secretary.

Comps. UTT, EDMONDS, and ENOS, were appointed a Committee to take into consideration the report of the Grand High Priest, as well as all applications for Chapters and Mark Lodges.

Comps. YOUNG, GILBERT, and NEWCOMB, were appointed a Committee of Charity and Relief.

Comps. WADSWORTH, HAYWARD, and WELLS, were appointed to examine and settle the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and to receive the bond and surety of the latter, agreeably to a standing resolution adopted in 1802.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 4TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before reported.

Comps. YATES, EDMONDS, and HEMPSTED, were appointed a Committee to wait on the Grand Chaplain and present him the thanks of the Grand Chapter for his excellent address, together with \$25.00 as a token of esteem, and in consideration of the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That WARREN CHAPTER, No. 22, held in the Town of Brookfield, in the County of Madison, have liberty to remove to the Town of Bridgewater, in the County of Oneida, and that the Grand Secretary alter its Warrant accordingly.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 5TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened in the Mark degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Mark lecture was given from the Chair.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 5TH, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers with the following result, viz:

M. E.	EZRA AMES,	. . . . .	Grand High Priest.
"	THOMAS LOWNDS,	. . . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
"	SAMUEL EDMONDS,	. . . . .	Grand King.
"	JOSEPH ENOS, Jun.,	. . . . .	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	ISAAC HEMPSTED,	. . . . .	Grand Secretary.
"	CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	. . . . .	Grand Treasurer.
"	SALEM TOWN,	. . . . .	Grand Chaplain.
"	JOHN F. DOTY,	. . . . .	Grand Marshal.
"	BENONI B. FORMAN,	. . . . .	Grand Sentinel.

The officers elect were then duly installed, excepting Comp. LOWNDS, who was not present.

Comp. JOHN E. WEST, P.: G.: K.:, was authorized to install Comp. LOWNDS, Deputy Grand High Priest elect.

Adjourned until half past three o'clock P. M., at which time the Grand Chapter was again opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Comps. HEMPSTED, YATES, and EDMONDS, were appointed a Committee to wait on the Grand Chaplain to request a copy of his address for publication, and, in case permission was obtained, the Grand Secretary was directed to publish 800 copies of the same and distribute six copies to each Chapter and four copies to each Mark Lodge in the jurisdiction, and dispose of the remainder under the direction of Comp. TOWN, for his benefit.

The following resolution was adopted at the request of the Representatives of the Chapters located in New York, who were instructed to that effect by a convention of all the officers of all the Chapters in said city, as shown to this Grand Chapter in writing by said Representatives:

Resolved, That no candidate shall be proposed for any degree in any Chapter or Mark Lodge in the City of New York, unless he has been a Master Mason at least one calendar month.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 6TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Secretary made a report of delinquent Mark Lodges, which was referred to a Committee consisting of Brn. EDMONDS, ENOS, and WADSWORTH, who subsequently reported the following:

Whereas, The following Mark Lodges have forfeited their Warrants agreeably to the 3d section of the 4th article of the Constitution, by not paying their dues as therein prescribed,

Resolved, Therefore, that the Grand Secretary furnish each of the said Lodges with a copy of this resolution, and demand their several Warrants to be returned to him accordingly.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary furnish each of the other Mark Lodges, and all Chapters under this jurisdiction, with a copy of the foregoing resolution.

LIST OF DELINQUENT LODGES.

5. Cooperstown Lodge,	. . . . .	Otsego.
11. Montgomery "	. . . . .	Stillwater.
15. Hiram "	. . . . .	Lansingburgh.
17. Campbell "	. . . . .	Duanesburgh.
19. Fortitude "	. . . . .	Brooklyn.
22. Franklin "	. . . . .	Charlestown.
24. Forest "	. . . . .	Manlius.
25. Friendship "	. . . . .	Durham.
26. St. John "	. . . . .	Greenfield.
32. Middleburgh "	. . . . .	Schoharie.
33. Steuben "	. . . . .	Painted Post.
36. Montgomery "	. . . . .	Johnstown.
37. Federal "	. . . . .	Hoosack.
38. Chenango "	. . . . .	Oxford.
39. Friendship "	. . . . .	Milton.
42. St. John's "	. . . . .	New York.
44. Woods "	. . . . .	New York.
45. Hartford "	. . . . .	Hartford.
47. Evening Star "	. . . . .	Rensselaerville.
56. Felicity "	. . . . .	Queensborough.
60. Venus "	. . . . .	Scipio.
62. Social Friends "	. . . . .	Whitehall.
63. Eagle "	. . . . .	Ithaca.

The following in relation to granting Dispensations to Mark Lodges was adopted:

Whereas, Serious evils have arisen in consequence of the unusual multiplicity of Mark Lodges, and

Whereas, By the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest and the Deputy Grand Priest are authorized and empowered to grant Dispensations for holding the same in all cases of regular application for that purpose, therefore, to remedy the same,

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter does recommend that no Dispensation for holding Mark Lodges be granted in future during the recess of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee appointed to consider the report of the Grand

High Priest, and all applications for Chapters and Mark Lodges, reported the following resolution :

Resolved, That Warrants be granted for the following Mark Lodges, viz :

To BRN. JOSEPH COLT, DAVID WHITE, and EDWARD DUFFEE, to hold a Lodge at Palmyra, County of Ontario, by the name PALMYRA MARK LODGE, No. 68.

To BRN. AMASA MILLARD, ABRAHAM WEMPLE, and JOHN ATWATER, to hold a Lodge at Canajoharie, County of Montgomery, by the name of OLIVE BRANCH MARK LODGE, No. 67.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary issue Warrants accordingly.

The Grand Chapter was then closed on the Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 6TH, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :—Officers and members as before.

The Representative of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, informed the Grand Chapter that the said Chapter, on the 26th day of July, 1811, suspended for three years, by a unanimous vote, FRANCIS PASSMAN, for unmasonic conduct towards a brother.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, reported them correct, and that the funds of the Grand Chapter amounted to \$3,193.76 (\$50.00 of which is Turnpike Stock), for which they have taken the Grand Treasurer's bond and surety as usual.

The Grand Secretary reported the following Chapters delinquent, agreeably to the requirement of the Constitution relative to the non-payment of dues, viz :

Washington Chapter, No. 2,	. . . . .	New York.
Cyrus	" 11,	Schenectady.
Otsego	" 26,	Otsego.

Whereupon their Warrants were declared forfeited, and the Grand Secretary was directed to demand the same, and notify all other Chapters in this jurisdiction of said action.

The Committee appointed at the last session to consider and report the best method of employing the funds of the Grand Chapter, reported as follows:

Your Committee, having fully considered the various objects contemplated by the resolution relating to the disposition of the funds, find among other things that the intended disposition cannot be safely made. They conceived the principal object to have been the purchase of a suitable lot of ground for the purpose of erecting thereon a commodious building for the use and convenience of the Grand Chapter; this, they have discovered, cannot legally or safely be done without legislative aid, because neither the Grand Chapter, nor any one in trust for it, can legally hold landed estate. They would remark, in addition, that it is not to be presumed that trustees can be found who would be willing, in case the purchase money should exceed the amount of the funds, to encumber any part of their individual estate, real or ostensible, by bond and mortgage, or otherwise, and thus run the hazard of impairing their credit with the community. Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Committee be excused from any further report upon said resolution until the next session of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That Comps. HEMPSTED, AMES, BRUSH, DOTY, and VANVECHTEN, be a Committee to prepare and present to the Legislature of this State one or more petitions praying an incorporation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York, as a body corporate and politic, under proper restrictions (if attainable), and if not, praying an act to authorize and empower the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, of said Grand Chapter for the time being, to hold real estate in trust for the said Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That a Committee of one Royal Arch Mason or Mark Master Mason be appointed in each county in this State, to exert all lawful influence for the purpose of carrying the aforesaid resolution into effect, and that the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a copy of the said resolutions to each member of said Committee, and that said Committee consist of the following Companions and Brethren:

Elijah H. Metcalf, .	Otsego.	Elisha Gilbert, Jun.,	Columbia.
Thomas Lyon, .	Chenango.	D. L. Van Antwerp,	Schnectady.
Tracy Robinson, .	Broome.	Erastus Root, . .	Delaware.
Joshua Ballard, .	Cortland.	Benjamin Nobles, .	Dutchess.
Asa B. Sizer, . .	Madison.	Samuel F. Jones,	Sullivan.
Richard Sanger, .	Oneida.	— — — — .	Rockland.
Jacobus DePeuy, .	Onondaga.	— — — — .	Suffolk.
Zenas Goodrich, .	Onondaga.	— — — — .	Kings.
Caleb Baker, . .	Tioga.	John Knox, . .	Steuben.
— Clark, . .	Washington.	Jacob Dox, . .	Ontario.
Thos. Frothingham,	Rensselaer.	William Vary, . .	Genesee.

Zenas Baker, . .	Niagara.	Lemuel Hotchkiss, .	Greene.
William Maynard,	Herkimer.	John Ross,	Orange.
Phineas Smith, .	Jefferson.	Benj. J. Hardenbergh,	Ulster.
Thomas C. Colburn,	St. Lawrence.	Thomas Brown, . .	Westchester.
William Swetland, .	Clinton.	— — — — —	Queens.
William Patrick, .	Saratoga.	— — — — —	Richmond.
— — — — —	Montgomery.	Sampson Simpson,	New York.
Alban Mann, . .	Franklin.	Jonathan Sprague, .	Chautauqua.
— — — — —	Schoharie.		

Warrants were granted to the following Chapters, and the Grand Secretary was directed to issue them accordingly:

To Comps. WILLIAM T. BELDEN, JONATHAN H. BEARDSLEE, and DAVID BURTON, to hold a Chapter at Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess, by the name of SOLOMON CHAPTER, No. 31.

To Comps. THOMAS BROWN, EPHENETUS WALLACE, and STEPHEN GILBERT, to hold a Chapter at North Salem, County of Westchester, by the name of WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 32.

Warrants were also granted the following Chapters whenever the petitioners produce to the Grand Secretary recommendations as prescribed by the Constitution, and that he issue Warrants accordingly.

To Comps. URIAH HULSE, JAMES D. WADSWORTH, and MALCOMB CAMPBELL, to hold a Chapter at Minisink, County of Orange, by the name of ORANGE CHAPTER, No. 33.

(Note by Grand Secretary, made out March 18th.)

To Comps. DAVID HORNER, REUBEN PORTER, and NOAH TAYLOR, to hold a Chapter at Auburn, County of Cayuga, by the name of DAVID'S CHAPTER, No. 34.

(Note by Grand Secretary, granted Feb. 4th, 1814, on the recommendation of JOHN THE BAPTIST CHAPTER, No. 30.)

The Royal Arch lecture was given from the Chair.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Particularly requesting the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, to attend the next septennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter at New York.

Donating \$25.00 to Mrs. HANNAH ASHTON, widow of C. ASHTON, and directing the Grand Treasurer to pay the same to Comp. ROBERT HAYWARD for her use

Giving \$25.00 as a donation to Comp. CHARLES STODDARD, and directing the Grand Treasurer to pay the same to Comp. JOHNSTON for his use.

Ratifying all proceedings had in the Mark degree during this session.

Allowing the Grand Secretary \$100.00 for his services, and TEMPLE CHAPTER \$15.00 for the use of its room.

Directing the Grand Treasurer to audit and pay Comp. FORMAN's bill for refreshments, together with \$2.50 per day for his attendance as Grand Sentinel this session.

The Grand Chapter was then closed without day.

ISAAC HEMPSTED,
Grand Secretary.

1813.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, and opened on the Mark degree, February 2d, 5813.

PRESENT:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" THOMAS LOWNDS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" SAMUEL EDMONDS,	Grand King.
" JOSEPH ENOS, Jun.,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. ISAAC HEMPSTED,	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
" BENONI B. FORMAN,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. ELISHA GILBERT, Jun.,	P. G. K.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.
" ADONIAH SKINNER,	P. G. S.

The following Companions produced vouchers of membership, and took their seats as Representatives of the following Chapters, viz:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Israel Purdy.
3. Phoenix,	Green Hall.
4. Montgomery,	Nathan D. Sherwood.
8. Jerusalem,	William Shippey.
9. De La Fayette,	Solomon S. Caswell.
13. Lebanon,	David W. Patterson.
	John Bull, Jun.
	Ebenezer Wadsworth.
14. St. Andrew's,	Joseph D. Beers.
16. Rising Sun,	Richard Hatfield, Jun.
21. New Concord,	Augustus F. Hayden.
	Philo Kilborn.
22. Warren,	Joseph Enos, Jun.
24. St. Lawrence,	Daniel Robison,
25. Harmony,	J. Noyes.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
26. Otsego,	E. H. Metcalf.
27. Herkimer,	Windsor Maynard.
28. Northern Constellation,	Samuel Peck. Noah Moody.
29. Washington,	George Rice.
30. John the Baptist,	Cyrus Powers.
32. Washington,	Epenetus Wallace.

Several Companions and Brethren were admitted as visitors.

The Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing and delivered an appropriate address, after which the Grand Chapter was declared duly opened.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Grand High Priest made his official report.

Comps. GILBERT, ENOS, and BEERS, were appointed a Committee to consider the report of the Grand High Priest, together with all applications for Chapters and Mark Lodges.

Comps. LOWNDS, WADSWORTH, and EDMONDS, were appointed a Committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and receive the bond and surety of the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow, and opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT: — Officers and members as before.

Comps. GILBERT, YATES, and ENOS, were appointed a Committee to wait on the Grand Chaplain and present him the thanks of the Grand Chapter for his excellent address, and also to present him with \$25.00 as a compliment for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result, viz:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" THOMAS LOWNDS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" SAMUEL EDMONDS,	Grand King.
" JOSEPH ENOS, Jun.,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. ISAAC HEMPSTED,	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
" BENONI B. FORMAN,	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand High Priest then installed the Grand Officers elect in due form.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 3D, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met on the Mark degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:— Officers and members as before.

A petition from ST. JOHN'S MARK LODGE, No. 26, praying to be reinstated by paying \$15.00 in full for all arrearages of dues, was read, and on the report of the Committee to which it was referred was granted.

The Committee appointed to consider the report of the Grand High Priest, reported in favor of granting Warrants to the following Mark Lodges:

To BRN. ALLEN TURNER, ARCHIBALD CROSWELL, and ELIJAH VAN HORNE, to hold a Lodge at Blenheim, County of Schoharie, by the name of GILBOA MARK LODGE, No. 69.

To BRN. SYLVANUS JESSUP, JAMES WILLIAMS, and GEORGE GORDON, to hold a Lodge at Newburgh, by the name of HIRAM MARK LODGE, No. 70.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to issue Warrants accordingly.

The Mark lecture was given from the Chair.

Grand Chapter closed on the Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 3D, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:— Officers and members as before.

The Committee on that subject, reported in favor of granting a Warrant for a Chapter as follows:

To Comps. WILLIAM MARKHAM, NATHAN WILLCOX, and ZACHEUS COLBY, to hold a Chapter at Caledonia, County of Genesee, by the name of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35.

Adjourned until half past three o'clock P. M., at which time the Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer reported them correct, and that the funds of the Grand Chapter amounted to \$3,491.24; \$50.00 of which was Turnpike Stock.

The proceedings had in the Mark degree during this session were ratified.

The Committee appointed to consider the best mode for the disposition of the funds, beg leave to report:

That, after taking into consideration the report made at the last session on the same subject, they are still of opinion that the funds of this Grand Chapter cannot be safely appropriated without legislative aid, and therefore would recommend the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to apply to the Legislature of this State for an act of incorporation authorizing trustees to hold real estate for the use of this Grand Chapter.

Comp. JOHN F. DOTY was appointed to carry the foregoing resolution into effect, and to receive suitable compensation for his services.

Resolved, That in case an act of incorporation shall be obtained, Comps. AMES, HEMPSTED, and DOTY, be a Committee to purchase a suitable lot in the City of Albany for the site of a Masonic Hall for the use of this Grand Chapter; and they are hereby authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for what money may be in his hands, not otherwise appropriated, belonging to this Grand Chapter, for the purpose aforesaid.

Resolved, That it is the duty of every member of this Grand Chapter to make use of all lawful means to influence the members of the Legislature to obtain such incorporation.

Resolved, That Comps. HATFIELD, OAKLEY, and BEERS, be a Committee to draft a suitable petition to the Honorable the Legislature, praying for an act of incorporation empowering the Grand Chapter to hold real estate, and that each member of this Grand Chapter sign the same.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 4TH, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

A communication having been received from INDEPENDENT ROYAL ARCH MARK LODGE, No. 57, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary return the same,—it being couched in indecorous terms, is not admissible to be put on file.

Resolved, That the Warrant of said Mark Lodge be accepted, and that the Grand Secretary request the payment of all arrearages of dues, and furnish the Brethren of that Lodge with a copy of this resolution.

The following was proposed, and the question on the resolution was postponed until the next session.

Whereas, A resolution was passed by this Grand Chapter at the last session in the words following, to wit: *Resolved*, That no candidate shall be proposed for any degree in any Chapter or Mark Lodge in the City of New York, unless he has been a Master Mason at least one calendar month, therefore

Resolved, That the same be rescinded.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. THOMAS LOWNDS, EBENEZER WADSWORTH, JOHN MACAULEY, and JOSEPH ENOS, Jun., Grand Visitors for the ensuing year; and they were directed to make report, in writing, of their proceedings at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to request all delinquent Chapters and Mark Lodges in this jurisdiction to pay up all arrearages of dues, or return their Warrants, as the Constitution directs.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed \$100.00 for his services the ensuing year.

Resolved, That TEMPLE LODGE be allowed \$15.00 for the use of its room and furniture the present session.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer audit and pay Comp. FORMAN's bill for refreshments, together with \$2.50 per day for his attendance as Grand Sentinel this session.

Grand Chapter closed without day.

ISAAC HEMPSTED,
Grand Secretary.

1814.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York,
convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany,
and opened on the Mark degree, February 1st, 5814.

PRESENT:

M. E.	EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
"	THOMAS LOWNDS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
"	JOSEPH ENOS, JUN.,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	ISAAC HEMPSTED,	Grand Secretary.
"	CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
"	SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
"	JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
"	ABRAHAM MAINTIN,	as Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E.	ASA FITCH,	P. G. K.
"	ELISHA GILBERT, JUN.,	P. G. K.
"	EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.

The following Companions produced vouchers as members,
and took their seats as Representatives of the following Chap-
ters respectively:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Elisha W. King.
3. Phœnix,	Green Hall.
4. Montgomery,	N. D. Sherwood. Jonathan Dunham. Walter Broughton.
5. Temple,	Isaac Hempsted. M. Cande.
9. De La Fayette,	D. Shumway.
13. Lebanon,	J. Bull, Jun. J. Wadsworth. Ebenezer Wadsworth.
14. St. Andrew's,	J. D. Beers.
16. Rising Sun,	Jacob McKeag.
19. Fredonian,	Thomas Lownds.
20. Onondaga,	Leonard Kellogg.
21. New Concord,	Philo Kilborn.
22. Warren,	Joseph Enos, Jun.
23. Warren,	William Hawkins.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
25. Harmony,	John Noyes.
26. Otsego,	Elijah H. Metcalf.
	Reuben Root.
27. Herkimer,	Horace Morse.
28. Northern Constellation, . .	J. H. Russell.
30. John the Baptist,	J. Platt.
31. Solomon,	William T. Belden.
35. Western Star,	James Ganson.

Several Companions and Brethren were permitted to take seats as visitors.

The Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing from Deity, and delivered an appropriate address.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had, on the 12th day of October last, granted to Comp. JACOB DOX and others, a Dispensation to hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the Town of Seneca and County of Ontario.

The Deputy Grand High Priest made his official report.

Comps. EBENEZER WADSWORTH, JOHN WADSWORTH, and WILLIAM T. BELDEN, were appointed a Committee to take into consideration the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priest, as well as all applications for Chapter and Mark Lodge Warrants.

Comps. ELISHA GILBERT, Jun., E. W. KING, and ADONIAH SKINNER, were appointed a Committee to examine and settle the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and to receive the bond and surety of the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, and report the same together with the state of the funds.

Comps. C. C. YATES, W. T. BELDEN, and E. W. KING, were appointed to wait on the Grand Chaplain and present him the thanks of the Grand Chapter for his excellent address, and also to present him with \$25.00 as a compliment for the faithful discharge of his duty.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Comp. E. H. WELLS, late High Priest of FEDERAL CHAPTER, No. 10, having returned the Warrant of said Chapter to the Grand Secretary, and the members of said Chapter praying to be reinstated, it was

Resolved, That the said Warrant be renewed with the word *Cambridge* stricken out and the word *Salem* inserted in its place, and that the members of the said Chapter be authorized to hold an election of officers on the first Wednesday in March next.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result, viz:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" THOMAS LOWNDS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH ENOS, Jun.,	Grand King.
" AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. ISAAC HEMPSTED,	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
" ABRAHAM MARTIN,	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed by the Grand High Priest.

Adjourned until 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 2D, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met on the Mark degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Mark lecture was given from the Chair.

Grand Chapter closed on the Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 2D, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

A communication from SOLOMON CHAPTER, No. 31, was

read and referred to a Committee consisting of Comps. ENOS, GILBERT, and KELLOGG, who reported as follows :

Having taken into consideration the said communication, your Committee approve of the proceedings of SOLOMON CHAPTER, and whereas it appears that FREDONIAN CHAPTER, No. 19, has exalted STEPHEN ANGEVINE, of Pleasant Valley, in the County of Dutchess, to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, contrary to the 9th section of the 4th article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, your Committee highly disapprove of the same, the said STEPHEN ANGEVINE not having been recommended as pointed out by the Constitution. Your Committee beg leave to report the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter enjoins it upon FREDONIAN CHAPTER, as well as all others under its jurisdiction, strictly to conform to the said 9th section of the 4th article of the said Constitution.

The report was received and the resolution agreed to.

The Royal Arch lecture was given from the Chair.

The Committee appointed at the last session to apply to the Legislature for an act of incorporation reported their proceedings, which report was referred to a Committee consisting of Comps. AMES, FITCH, and DORY, who, after due consideration, reported the following petition to the Legislature, to be presented at the next session thereof :

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York:

The petition of the subscribers, members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York, and of the different Chapters and Mark Masters' Lodges under the jurisdiction of the said Grand Royal Chapter, respectfully sheweth :

That the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter is a society composed of all the different Chapters and Mark Lodges in the State of New York, associated for charitable and benevolent purposes, and that it has existed in the State of New York since the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight; during which time the funds of the said society have gradually accumulated from year to year, after defraying the necessary expenses of the institution, and appropriating such sums as have been required to meet the demands of a charitable nature, and that they now amount to something more than \$3,000.00 and will probably continue to increase;

That the society is anxious to place its funds in such a situation that they may not only be secure, but more productive than they now are, and for that purpose to be enabled to purchase and hold a lot of ground in the City of Albany, and to erect thereon a suitable building for its accommodation.

The prayer of your petitioners therefore is, that your Honorable Body would create the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter a body corporate and po-

litic, with power to purchase and hold real estate to such an amount as to your Honorable Body may seem meet. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

The following was then adopted :

Resolved, That the foregoing petition be signed by all the members of the Grand Chapter now present, and that the Grand Secretary be requested to forward copies thereof to all the subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges under this jurisdiction, for the purpose of procuring the signatures of the respective members thereto, and that he make report thereof at the next meeting of this Grand Chapter, and that he give legal notice of this intended application of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter to the Legislature by advertisement.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 2D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to consider the reports of the Grand High Priest, etc., reported in favor of granting Warrants to the following Chapters, which report was accepted and Warrants were ordered issued accordingly :

To Comps. JACOB DOX, PHILETUS SWIFT, and WILLIAM BENNETT, to hold a Chapter at Geneva, County of Ontario, by the name of GENEVA CHAPTER, No. 36; and that the Warrant of GENEVA MARK LODGE, No. 61, be returned.

To Comps. NATHANIEL HALL, MELANCTON WHEELER, and JOHN REED, to hold a Chapter at Whitehall, County of Washington, by the name of WILLIAMS CHAPTER, No. 37; and that the Warrant of SOCIAL FRIENDS MARK LODGE, No. 62, be returned.

Also, that the Warrant of WARREN CHAPTER, No. 23, be renewed on the payment of all arrearages for dues.

The proceedings had in Grand Chapter on the Mark degree during this session were approved and confirmed.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. THOMAS LOWNDS, EBENEZER WADSWORTH, JOHN MACAULEY, and JOSEPH ENOS, Jun., Grand Visitors for the ensuing year.

The Grand Secretary made a report of Chapters and Mark Lodges in arrears for dues, which was referred to the Committee

on reports of Grand Officers, and on which that Committee reported as follows:

That the Grand Visitors should visit all Chapters and Mark Lodges within their respective districts; that they be authorized to assemble Chapters and Mark Lodges, and instruct them in the lectures and mode of work; to demand all dues from delinquent Chapters and Mark Lodges, and to demand and receive all Warrants constitutionally forfeited, and make return during the next session of the Grand Chapter, for which service they shall be paid a reasonable compensation.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the said report be accepted, and that the Grand Secretary furnish the proper vouchers to the Grand Visitors; also, that the Grand High Priest give such instructions to the said Grand Visitors as he may think proper, not inconsistent with the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, reported them correct, and that the funds of the Grand Chapter amounted to \$3,798.40, including \$50.00 in Turnpike Stock.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed \$100.00 for his services the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Temple Chapter be allowed \$15.00 for the use of its room and furniture the present session.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer audit and pay Comp. MARTIN's bill for refreshments, together with \$2.50 per day for his attendance as Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Chapter was then closed.

ISAAC HEMPSTED,
Grand Secretary.

1815.

THE Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of the State of New York, convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, and opened on the Mark degree, February 7th, 1815.

PRESENT:

M. E.	EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
"	THOMAS LOWNDS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
"	JOSEPH ENOS,	Grand King.
"	AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	ISAAC HEMPSTED,	Grand Secretary.
"	CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
"	SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
"	JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
"	ABRAHAM MARTIN,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E.	SAMUEL EDMONDS,	P. D. G. H. P.
"	ASA FITCH,	P. G. K.
"	EBENEZER WADSWORTH	P. G. S.

And the Representatives of the following Chapters:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
8. Phoenix,	Comp. Carlisle.
4. Montgomery,	" Patrick.
	" Sherwood.
	" Mather.
5. Temple,	" Hempsted.
	" Eights.
	" Candy.
6. Hudson,	" Allen.
8. Jerusalem,	" Hart.
9. De La Fayette,	" Shumway.
10. Federal,	" Fitch.
13. New Lebanon,	" Bull.
14. St. Andrew's,	" Watkins.
16. Rising Sun,	" McDonald.
21. New Concord,	" Worcester.
	" Betts.
	" Smith.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
22. Warren,	Comp. Enos.
23. Warren,	" Norden.
24. St. Lawrence,	" Denison.
25. Harmony,	" Noyes.
26. Otsego,	" Metcalf.
27. Herkimer,	" Maynard.
	" Hackley.
28. Northern Constellation, .	" Moody.
30. John the Baptist, . . .	" Powers.
31. Solomon,	" Brush.
32. Washington,	" June.
34. David's,	" Powers.
35. Western Star,	" Allen.
36. Geneva,	" Dox.
37. Williams,	" Hall.

Several Companions and Brethren were permitted to take seats as visitors.

The Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing from Deity, and delivered an appropriate address.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests severally made their official reports, which were referred to Comps. ENOS, WADSWORTH, and GILBERT.

Several petitions were read praying for Warrants, which were referred to the same Committee.

Comps. YATES, GILBERT, and ENOS, were appointed a Committee to wait on the Grand Chaplain and present him the thanks of the Grand Chapter for his excellent address, and also to present him with a compliment of \$25.00.

Comps. LOWNDS, BRUSH, and EDMONDS, were appointed a Committee to examine and settle the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer; also, to receive the bond and surety from the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, agreeably to a resolution of the Grand Chapter, passed in the year 1802, and report a statement of the funds.

Resolved, That WASHINGTON MARK LODGE be required to communicate to the Grand Secretary, previous to the next session of this Grand Chapter, the nature of the offense for which NATHANIEL GILLMAN was expelled from said Lodge, together with a copy of their proceedings on such expulsion, as re-

quired by the 8th section of the 4th article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Secretary communicate a copy of this resolution to the said Lodge.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 7TH.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as in the Mark degree.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result, viz:

M. E.	EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
"	JOEL HART,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
"	JOSEPH ENOS, Jun.,	Grand King.
"	JOHN BRUSH,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	ISAAC HEMPSTED,	Grand Secretary.
"	CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
"	SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
"	JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
"	ABRAHAM MARTIN,	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were duly installed by the Grand High Priest.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 8TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met on the Mark degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Secretary made his official report, which was referred to Comps. ENOS, GILBERT, and WADSWORTH.

The Grand Visitors made their official reports, which were referred to Comps. EDMONDS, CARLISLE, and BRUSH.

The Mark lecture was given from the Chair.

The Committee appointed to consider the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, and the several applica-

tions for Warrants, reported in favor of granting Warrants to the following Mark Lodges:

To BRN. DANIEL GREEN, ELIJAH HIGBY, and GIDEON C. HEMPSTED, to hold a Lodge at Verona, County of Oneida, by the name of VERONA MARK LODGE, No. 71.

To BRN. JOHN DRAKE, JUN., JOHN PINKNEY, and JAMES DEARIN, JUN., to hold a Lodge at Fishkill, County of Dutchess, by the name of ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE MARK LODGE, No. 72.

To BRO. JONATHAN DUNHAM and others, to hold a Lodge at Malta, County of Saratoga, by the name of MALTA MARK LODGE, No. 73, whenever a constitutional recommendation shall be presented to the Grand Secretary.

To BRN. JONATHAN MOREHOUSE, JOHN W. RITCH, and REUBEN DOANE, to hold a Lodge at Southeast, County of Putnam, by the name of TOMPKINS MARK LODGE, No. 74, whenever a constitutional recommendation shall be presented to the Grand Secretary.

To BRN. GIDEON COGGESHALL, JAS. ARMSTRONG, and PHILEMON FOWLER, to hold a Lodge at Eastchester, County of Westchester, by the name of ——— MARK LODGE, No. 75, whenever a constitutional recommendation shall be presented to the Grand Secretary.

To BRN. AMBROSE BRYAR, WILLIAM WOLLARD, and JOHN C. DENIS, JUN., to hold a Lodge at Delhi, County of Delaware, by the name of DELHI MARK LODGE, No. 76, whenever a constitutional recommendation shall be presented to the Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee was accepted, and Warrants ordered to be issued accordingly.

The Grand Chapter was then closed on the Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 8th, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M., at which time the Grand Chapter was opened on the Royal Arch degree.

The Committee to whom was referred the proceedings of the Grand Visitors, pursuant to a resolution adopted at the last session, reported as follows:

RECEIPTS BY GRAND VISITORS.

Comp. Lownds,	\$67 25
“ Enos,	71 75
“ Wadsworth,	142 12
Total,	<u>\$281 12</u>

ALLOWANCE FOR EXPENSES AND SERVICES.

Comp. Lownds, for expenses,	\$ 5 00
“ “ five days' service,	15 00—\$20 00
“ Enos, for expenses,	18 94
“ “ twelve days' service,	36 00— 55 94
“ Wadsworth, for expenses,	45 55
“ “ thirty-one days' service,	93 00—138 55
“ Macauley, for expenses,	1 00
“ “ two days' service,	6 00— 7 00— <u>\$220 49</u>
Balance,	<u>\$60 68</u>

The report was accepted.

Whereas, The subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges frequently report to this Grand Chapter the expulsion or suspension of members and rejection of candidates, therefore

Resolved, That in all cases where the expulsion, suspension, or rejection as aforesaid shall be approved by this Grand Chapter, that the Grand Secretary shall give notice of the same to each of the subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges under this jurisdiction, that they may govern themselves accordingly.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer reported them correct, and that the funds consisted of the sum of \$4,457.73, including \$50.00 of Turnpike Stock, and that they had taken the usual security for the same.

The Committee appointed to consider the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, and applications for Warrants, reported in favor of granting Warrants to the following Chapters; and the report was agreed to:

To Comps. CHESTER HAMMOND, WICKS SMITH, and ERASTUS DANIELS, to hold a Chapter at Sherburne, County of Chenango, by the name of SHERBURNE CHAPTER, No. 38.

To Comps. WILLIAM SWETLAND, JONATHAN GRIFFEN, and REUBEN H. WALWORTH, to hold a Chapter at Plattsburgh, County of Clinton, by the name of PLATTSBURGH CHAPTER, No. 39.

To Comp. **URIAH HULTS, JOSEPH CHATTLE, and BENJAMIN DODGE**, to hold a Chapter at Walkill, County of Orange, by the name of **MOUNT HOPE CHAPTER, No. 40.**

To Comps. **JOHN M. SATTERLEY, EDWARD S. MEDAN, and BENJAMIN T. VAN DEUSEN**, to hold a Chapter at Florida, Town of Warwick, County of Orange, by the name of **WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 41.**

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary, reported the following Chapters and Mark Lodges more than two years in arrears for dues:

Cyrus Chapter,	No. 11.	Federal Mark Lodge, No. 37.
Hiram Mark Lodge,	" 15.	Friendship " " 39.
Campbell "	" 17.	Trinity " " 40.
Patriot "	" 20.	Hiram " " 43.
Franklin "	" 23.	Felicity " " 46.
Forest "	" 24.	Warren " " 52.
St. John's "	" 26.	St. John's " " 54.
Middlebury "	" 32.	Trinity " " 58.
Steuben "	" 33.	Trinity " " 59.
Montgomery "	" 36.	Sanger " " 64.

Resolved, That all the Chapters and Mark Lodges above reported as delinquent be, and they are hereby prohibited from working under their several Warrants until their dues are paid, and that the Grand Secretary notify them of the same; and if not complied with before the next session of the Grand Chapter, that they then return their several Warrants.

The Grand Secretary was directed to audit the accounts of the members to be presented to the Grand Treasurer.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That whenever any sum of money is paid into the hands of the Grand Secretary for the use and benefit of the Grand Chapter, he shall be required to give duplicate receipts to the person paying the same, whose duty it shall be to deposit with, or transmit one of said receipts to the Grand Treasurer; and it shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to present all such receipts to the Committee appointed to settle the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer; and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Secretary to communicate this resolution to all the Chapters and Mark Lodges under this jurisdiction for their information.

Resolved, That Comp. **LOWNDS** draw on the Grand Treasurer for \$40.00, and present the same to **MARY MORRIS**, widow of Comp. **LEWIS MORRIS**, as a donation from this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That Comp. **WADSWORTH** be authorized to summon **TRINITY MARK LODGE, No. 40**, hold an election, superintend its work, and collect its

dues to the Grand Chapter, or demand its Warrant when forfeited, and to do all such things as he may think proper in the business not inconsistent with the Constitution and general regulations, and that the said Lodge pay the expense of such service.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Allowing the Grand Secretary \$100.00 for his services the ensuing year; TEMPLE CHAPTER \$30.00 for the use of its room and furniture the present session; and directing the Grand Treasurer to pay Comp. MARTIN's bill for refreshments, with \$3.00 per day for his services as Grand Sentinel.

Ratifying the proceedings had in the Mark degree.

The Grand High Priest appointed the following Companions Grand Visitors for the ensuing year:

THOMAS LOWNDS,	. . . . .	Southern District.
EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	. . . . .	Middle "
JOHN MACAULEY,	. . . . .	Eastern "
JOSEPH ENOS, Jun.,	. . . . .	Western "

The Grand Chapter was then closed without day.

ISAAC HEMPSTED,
Grand Secretary.

1816.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, convened in Temple Chapter Room, in the City of Albany, and opened on the Mark degree, February 7th, 5816.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" JOEL HART,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOHN BRUSH,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. ISAAC HEMPSTED,	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
" ABRAHAM MARTIN,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: SAMUEL EDMONDS,	P.: D.: G.: H.: P.:
" ASA FITCH,	P.: G.: K.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:
" AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	P.: G.: S.:

And the Representatives of the following Chapters, viz :

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
3. Phœnix,	R. Hatfield.
4. Montgomery,	N. D. Sherwood.
	M. Smith.
5. Temple,	Isaac Hempsted.
	Jonathan Eights.
	W. Sever, Jun.
7. Horeb,	R. Sanger.
10. Federal,	Asa Fitch,
16. Rising Sun,	Cornelius Bogart.
19. Fredonian,	Robert Young.
21. New Concord,	A. F. Hayden.
	Daniel Smith.
22. Warren,	Joseph H. Dwight.
24. St. Lawrence,	Thomas Stedman.
25. Harmony,	John Noyes.
28. Northern Constellation,	Reeve Peck.
29. Washington,	Joshua Ballard.
30. John the Baptist,	Ithiel Platt.
32. Washington,	Epenetus Wallace.
	Zabed June.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
35. Western Star,	A. Warner. James Ganson.
36. Geneva,	Richard Hogarth.
37. Williams,	Nathaniel Hale.
38. Sherburne,	Erastus Daniels.
39. Plattsburgh,	R. H. Walworth.

Several Companions and Brethern were permitted to take seats as visitors.

The Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*, invoked a blessing from Deity.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests made their official reports, which were referred to Comps. E. GILBERT, Jun., E. WADSWORTH, and R. HOGARTH.

Several petitions praying for Warrants were read and referred to the same Committee.

Comp. YATES was appointed to present the thanks of the Grand Chapter to Comp. BEDELL for his services as Grand Chaplain, and also to present him with a compliment of \$10.00

Comps. HALL, HATFIELD, and BRUSH, were appointed a Committee to examine and settle the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and receive the bond and surety of the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year; also, to report a statement of the funds, with their opinion of the expediency of putting the same to use.

The Mark lecture was given from the Chair.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as in the Mark degree.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" JOEL HART,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH ENOS, Jun. . . .	Grand King.
" JOHN BRUSH,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. ISAAC HEMPSTED,	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
" ABRAHAM MARTIN,	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed by the Grand High Priest.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 8TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met on the Mark degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Secretary made his official report, which was referred to a Committee.

The Committee appointed to consider the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, together with applications for Warrants, reported in favor of granting Warrants to the following Mark Lodges, viz:

To BRN. MARTIN NOBLE, NEHEMIAH REYNOLDS, and CYRENUS NOBLE, to hold a Lodge at Butternuts, County of Otsego, by the name of BUTTERNUT MARK LODGE, No. 77.

To BRN. JAMES WANDS, 2d, WILLIAM DIXON, and HENRY S. BUTLER, to hold a Lodge at Bethlehem, County of Albany, by the name of HEMPSTED MARK LODGE, No. 78, whenever a constitutional recommendation shall be presented to the Grand Secretary.

To BRN. ELIAS HICKS, ROBERT McMENNOMY, and ABRAHAM P. GIBSON, to hold a Lodge in the City of New York, by the name of HOLLAND MARK LODGE, No. 79.

The report of the Committee was agreed to, and the Grand Secretary was directed to issue Warrants accordingly.

The Grand Chapter was then closed on the Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 8TH, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Resolved, That the Grand Chaplain be requested to prepare for publication the various discourses delivered by him before this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay Comp. NATHANIEL SMITH \$50.00, as a donation from this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay to Comp. BOGART \$25.00, as a donation to Mary Morris.

The Grand Chaplain, not being present at the opening of the Grand Chapter, now delivered an appropriate address, after which he retired, and it was

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer present him the thanks of the Grand Chapter and a compliment of \$25.00.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer reported them correct, and that the funds amounted to the sum of \$4,941.64.

The Committee appointed to consider the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, and applications for Warrants, reported in favor of granting Warrants to the following Chapters :

To Comps. CALEB BARKER, THOMAS MAXWELL, and GRANT B. BALDWIN, to hold a Chapter at Elmira, County of Tioga, by the name of ELMIRA CHAPTER, No. 42.

To Comps. JOHN SERGEANT, DAVID PIERSON, and SAMUEL WETMORE, to hold a Chapter at Vernon, County of Oneida, by the name of VERNON CHAPTER, No. 43.

To Comps. JOSEPH WADSWORTH, BENJAMIN ENOS, and JOHN KING, to hold a Chapter at Delphi, County of Onondaga, by the name of DELPHI CHAPTER, No. 44.

To Comps. JOSEPH BLACK, OLIVER RICE, and DODDRIDGE SMITH, to hold a Chapter at Ransomville, County of Montgomery, by the name of MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 45.

To Comps. JOHN HOLLY, THOMAS SMITH, and ISAAC REYNOLDS, to hold a Chapter at North East, within five miles of the Connecticut line, County of Dutchess, by the name of NORTH EAST CHAPTER, No. 46.

To Comps. JOHN DRAKE, LEMUEL BROWN, and JEDEDIAH FAY, to hold a Chapter at Owego, County of Tioga, by the name of NEW JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 47.

To Comps. IRA M. WELLS, WILLIAM NEAFUS, and ASA ANTHONY, to hold a Chapter at Troy, County of Rensselaer, by the name of APOLLO CHAPTER, No. 48.

To Comps. SOLOMON PLANE, ABRAHAM WRIGHT, and JONATHAN MOSIER, to hold a Chapter at East Town, County of Washington, by the name WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 49.

To Comps. JOSEPH ENOS, JUN., LEVI LOVE, and THOMAS GREENLY, to

hold a Chapter at Eaton, County of Madison, by the name of **CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 50.**

To Comps. **ALANSON H. WELTON, JONATHAN CHILD, and ELI HILL,** to hold a Chapter at Richmond, County of Ontario, by the name of **RICHMOND CHAPTER, No. 51.**

The report of the Committee was agreed to, and the Grand Secretary directed to issue Warrants accordingly.

The following Mark Lodges were reported as delinquent, they being more than two years in arrears for dues :

17. Campbell	Mark Lodge,	. . .	Duanesburgh.
20. Patriot	" "	. . .	Pittstown.
21. Franklin	" "	. . .	Ballston.
22. Franklin	" "	. . .	Charlestown.
24. Forest	" "	. . .	Manlius.
25. Friendship	" "	. . .	Durham.
26. St John's	" "	. . .	Greenfield.
31. Harmony	" "	. . .	Windham.
32. Middleburgh	" "	. . .	Scoharie.
33. Steuben	" "	. . .	Painted Post.
36. Montgomery	" "	. . .	Johnstown.
37. Federal	" "	. . .	Hoosack.
39. Friendship	" "	. . .	Milton.
43. Hiram	" "	. . .	New York.
52. Warren	" "	. . .	Ovid.
54. St John's No.1	" "	. . .	New York.
56. Trinity	" "	. . .	Queensborough.
58. Trinity	" "	. . .	Nassau.
70. Hiram	" "	. . .	Newburgh.

Resolved, That the aforesaid Mark Lodges be, and they are hereby prohibited from working under their several Warrants until their dues are paid, and that they return their Warrants, which are hereby declared void.

Resolved, That whenever any Mark Lodge or Chapter shall cease to work, and constitutionally forfeit its Warrant, its funds and jewels shall be, and are hereby declared to be, the property of the Grand Chapter, and shall be delivered to it accordingly ; provided, nevertheless, that whenever a Mark Warrant is surrendered and a Chapter established in its place, then the funds and jewels shall be the property of the said Chapter.

The Committee appointed to consider the expediency of putting the funds of the Grand Chapter at use, made the following report in part :

There is in the treasury of the Grand Chapter about \$5,000.00 (besides some turnpike stock), which, in their opinion, if put out at interest, would produce

an income more than adequate to all disbursements for charitable purposes, and thereby very much increase said funds.

And your Committee recommend that the Turnpike Stock be disposed of in the market, and that all the funds which now are, or hereafter shall from time to time come into the treasury, be loaned at seven per centum per annum, and for the term of six months, securing said interest; that responsible and undoubted personal security be taken for the loans, payable to the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, in their natural capacity (except when any one of them shall be borrower, and in that case to the others), or either, or order, or bearer, who shall be a Committee of Loans, three of whom, the presiding officer of the Grand Chapter being one, shall be competent to transact the business, and that the form of said security be a promissory note in substance as follows, viz:

"Six months after date we jointly and severally promise to pay EZRA AMES, JOEL HART, JOSEPH ENOS, Jun., JOHN BRUSH, ISAAC HEMPSTED, and CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, or either, or order, or bearer, ——— thousand dollars with interest, for value received, the ——— day of ——— 1817."

And that the borrowers of all or any part of said funds, be required to give one responsible and undoubted security for each and every \$1,000.00 borrowed as aforesaid, or security to the full satisfaction of the said Committee of Loans.

The above report having been read and maturely considered, on motion, duly seconded, it was unanimously

Resolved, To accept the same, and that the said report be carried into full effect by the Grand Officers therein mentioned.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer sell the Turnpike Stock, mentioned in said report, for the best price he can get in his discretion.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the proceedings in the Mark degree be, and they are hereby ratified.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed \$100.00 for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That TEMPLE CHAPTER be allowed \$30.00 for the use of its room and furniture the present session.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer audit and pay Comp. MARTIN's bill for refreshments, together with \$3.00 per day for his attendance as Grand Sentinel.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. THOMAS LOWNDS, EBENEZER WADSWORTH, JOHN MACAULEY, and JOSEPH ENOS, Jun., Grand Visitors for the ensuing year.

The Grand Chapter was then closed.

ISAAC HEMPSTED,
Grand Secretary.

1817.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, convened in Temple Chapter Room, in the City of Albany, and opened on the Mark degree, February 4th, 5817.

PRESENT:

M. E.	EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
"	JOSEPH ENOS, Jun.,	Grand King.
"	JOHN BRUSH	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	ISAAC HEMPSTED,	Grand Secretary.
"	CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
"	SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
"	JOHN F. DOTY,	Grand Marshal.
"	JESSE P. MITCHELL,	as Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E.	SAMUEL EDMONDS,	P. D. G. H. P.
"	ELISHA GILBERT, Jun.,	P. G. K.
"	EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.

And the Representatives of the following Chapters:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Richard Hatfield. Resolved Stephens.
3. Phoenix,	Edward S. Belamy.
5. Temple,	Isaac Hempsted. Jonathan Eights.
6. Hudson,	Frederick L. Folger.
8. Jerusalem,	James Herring.
13. Lebanon,	John Bufl. Nathan Howard. Allen Spencer.
19. Fredonian,	Gerrit Morgan.
21. New Concord,	A. F. Hayden.
23. Warren,	W. Hawkins.
25. Harmony,	John Noyes.
26. Otsego,	Timothy Morse.
28. Northern Constellation,	Horatio Powell.
29. Washington,	Joshua Ballard,
30. John the Baptist,	Elias Hall.
31. Solomon,	John Brush. C. Raymond.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES,
37. Williams	Nathaniel Hall.
38. Sherburne,	Comps. Bliss, Doolittle, and Gray.
42. Elmira,	George Guest.
44. Delphi,	John Wadsworth.
45. Montgomery,	Oliver Rice.
	Thomas Warn.
49. Washington,	Charles Starbuck.
50. Cyrus,	Joseph Enos.

Several Companions and Brethren were permitted to take seats as visitors.

The Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing from Deity.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Grand High Priest made his official report, which was referred to Comps. EBENEZER WADSWORTH, JAMES HERRING, and JOSEPH ENOS, Jun., for consideration. The same Committée was appointed to consider applications for Warrants for Chapters and Mark Lodges.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered an elegant and appropriate address.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

The Grand Chapter was opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as in the Mark degree.

Comps. E. GILBERT, JUN., GERRIT MORGAN, and GEORGE RICE, were appointed a Committee of Charity.

Several petitions for charity were read and referred to the Committee above named.

FREDONIAN CHAPTER, No. 19, reported the expulsion of JACOB B. BARNES, a member of that Chapter, and also the remonstrance of the said BARNES, praying to be restored, and after due consideration of the report, by a Committee to whom the matter was referred, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter ratify the expulsion of said BARNES.

Comps. SAMUEL EDMONDS, JOHN BRUSH, and RESOLVED STEPHENS, were appointed a Committee to examine and settle the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 5TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Mark lecture was given from the Chair.

The Grand Chaplain reported that he had digested, and arranged for publication, the several addresses which he had heretofore delivered before the Grand Chapter, agreeably to a resolution adopted at the last session.

The report was referred to a Committee consisting of Comps. BEDELL, HALL, and YATES.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 5TH, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers, with the following result, viz :

M. E.	EZRA AMES,	. . . . .	Grand High Priest.
"	RICHARD HATFIELD,	. . . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
"	JOSEPH ENOS, JUN.,	. . . . .	Grand King.
"	JOHN BRUSH,	. . . . .	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	ISAAC HEMPSTED,	. . . . .	Grand Secretary.
"	CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	. . . . .	Grand Treasurer.
"	SALEM TOWN,	. . . . .	Grand Chaplain.
"	JOHN F. DOTY,	. . . . .	Grand Marshal.
"	JESSE P. MITCHELL,	. . . . .	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect, excepting Comps. HATFIELD and TOWN, who were not present, were duly installed by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapter took a recess until four o'clock, at which time it was again assembled.

Comp. THOMAS LOWNDS was authorized and empowered to install Comp. RICHARD HATFIELD, Deputy Grand High Priest elect.

The following was then adopted :

Resolved, That Comps. EDMONDS, YATES, and BRUSH, be a Committee to wait on Comp. SALEM TOWN, Grand Chaplain, and present him the thanks of this Grand Chapter for his eloquent and impressive address on Speculative Masonry, and assure him that the Grand Chapter entertain the highest opinion of its merits, in opening to view new beauties in the vast field of masonry, which he has so happily exhibited to the mind of the Christian, the Philosopher, and the Philanthropist, and contributed to the general edification of this Grand Chapter, and also to present Comp. TOWN with \$25.00 as a compliment for his services the last year as Grand Chaplain.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 6TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Comp. EBENEZER WADSWORTH made his report as Grand Visitor, which was referred to a Committee consisting of Comps. HEMPSTED and YATES, which Committee reported thereon, as follows :

Comp. WADSWORTH expended	\$38 08½
Twenty-five days' time, at \$3.00 per day,	75 00
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	\$113 08½

He collected the following sums :

Washington Chapter, No. 41,	\$10.37½
Orange Chapter, No. 33	14.75
Mount Hope Chapter, No. 40,	18.62½
Canajoharie Mark Lodge, No. 48,	11.50
Hiram Mark Lodge, No. 65	7.50
Montgomery Mark Lodge, No. 34,	22.75
St. John's Mark Lodge, No. 26,	22.45—107.95
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Balance due him,	\$5.13½

Ordered that the report be accepted, and that the Grand Treasurer pay the balance.

The Grand Chapter was then closed on the Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 6TH, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Royal Arch lecture was given from the Chair.

Resolved, That the proceedings in the Mark degree be, and they are hereby ratified.

The Committee appointed to consider the report of the Grand High Priest, and the several applications for Warrants, reported in favor of granting Warrants to the following Chapters, viz:

To Comps. JAMES REYNOLDS, WILLIAM ROSS, and WILLIAM P. LOT, to hold a Chapter at Newburgh, County of Orange, by the name of JERUSALEM TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 52.

To Comps. DANIEL C. JOHNSON, SAMUEL TUCKER, and HENRY N. BLEECKER, to hold a Chapter at Palatine, County of Montgomery, by the name of HIRAM UNION CHAPTER, No. 53.

To Comps. CASPER W. EDDY, BENJAMIN P. KISSAM, and AARON H. PALMER, to hold a Chapter in the City of New York, by the name of EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 54.

To Comps. ASAHEL CLARK, CHARLES WHITE, and WARREN F. HITCHCOCK, to hold a Chapter at Glens Falls, County of Warren, by the name of GLENS FALLS CHAPTER, No. 55.

To Comps. DANIEL PARKER, LEMUEL HOTCHKISS, and ABEL BLACKMAR, to hold a Chapter at New Durham, County of Greene, by the name of FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No. 56.

To Comps. AMOS CURTISS, THOMAS B. CLENCH, and ISAAC NUTMAN, to hold a Chapter at Schenectady, by the name of CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 57.

To Comps. THOMAS WALKER, ASAHEL SEWARD, and WALTER FLEMMING, to hold a Chapter at Utica, County of Oneida, by the name of ONEIDA CHAPTER, No. 57.

To Comps. LEWIS BEERS, ARCHER GREENE, and E. CHAMPLIN, to hold a Chapter at Ithaca, County of Seneca, by the name of EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 58.

To Comp. EGBERT TEN EYCK, AMASA TROWBRIDGE, and ISAAC LEE, to hold a Chapter at Watertown, County of Jefferson, by the name of WATERTOWN CHAPTER, No. 59.

The Committee further reported that the petition of MONTGOMERY CHAP-

TER, No. 45, to meet alternately at Johnstown and Ransomville, in their opinion, ought not to be granted.

Also, on the examination of the papers of EAGLE CHAPTER, in the City of New York, it appears that the Dispensation for that Chapter was obtained from M.: E.: JOEL HART, Deputy Grand High Priest, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, for which the fees were paid him, and for which he gave a receipt (which receipt was shown to the Committee), but Comp. HART has made no report of his proceedings in the case; the Committee therefore are of opinion that a Warrant ought to be granted that Chapter on the presentation of the aforesaid receipt to the Grand Secretary.

The report of the Committee was agreed to, and the Grand Secretary directed to issue the Warrants accordingly.

Whereas, It appears that Comp. JOEL HART, late Deputy Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, has, in the recess thereof, granted a Dispensation to Comp. CASPER W. EDDY and others, of the City of New York, to hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the said city, by the name of EAGLE CHAPTER, and received therefor \$60.00, and has made no return of the same, and as it is understood that he has received an appointment as Consul at Leith, in Scotland, and has actually removed there, therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed and requested to write to Comp. HART, and request of him a return of his official proceedings, as well as payment of the moneys in his hands belonging to this Grand Chapter, without delay.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Charter of ST. JOHN'S MARK LODGE, No. 26, at Greenfield, Saratoga County, be restored on payment of its dues, the same having been surrendered as forfeited to Comp. WADSWORTH, Grand Visitor.

The Committee on Charity made a report in favor of granting the sum of \$20.00 to Comp. JAMES McDONALD, Past High Priest of RISING SUN CHAPTER, No. 16, and further reported against the application for charity of Comp. JOSEPH H. ELLIS.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary reported them correct, and that the funds of the Grand Chapter amounted to the sum of \$5,763.06, composed of the following items, viz:

Christopher C. Yates' and John F. Doty's note, . . .	\$4,000 00
Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer,	1,763 06
Total,	<u>\$5,763 06</u>

The last election of officers of NEW CONCORD CHAPTER,

No. 21, having been irregularly conducted, a new election was ordered in said Chapter, to be presided over by Comp. A. F. HAYDEN.

The Committee to whom the matter of publishing the address of the Grand Chaplain was referred, reported, that, agreeably to the further wishes of Comp. Town, they suggested to the Grand Chapter the following considerations in relation thereto:

1st. That the Grand Chapter cordially agree to give its patronage to said publication.

2d. That he ought to furnish a prospectus.

3d. That Comp. Town accept a present from the Grand Chapter of \$150.00, for his valuable services.

4th. That in case a competent number of subscribers be obtained before the next session of the Grand Chapter, and the work put to press, the Committee of Loans be authorized to lend, from the funds of the Grand Chapter to Comp. Town any sum of money not exceeding \$300.00, taking substantial security therefor.

The report was unanimously agreed to, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of the State of New York does commend the publication of Comp. Town's addresses, as a most valuable treatise on masonry, and that the same be certified by the Grand Secretary in the work as the sense of said Grand Chapter.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That St. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, No. 14, have leave to remove to the Town of Harpersfield, pursuant to the prayer of a petition of the said Chapter.

The Grand High Priest was authorized and requested to procure and furnish proper robes and dresses for all Grand Officers, as well as Past Grand Officers, and a sum not exceeding \$500.00 was appropriated for that purpose.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer audit and pay Comp. MITCHELL's bill for refreshments, with \$3.00 per day for his attendance as Grand Sentinel.

Resolved, That TEMPLE CHAPTER be allowed \$30.00 for the use of its room and furniture the present session.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed \$100.00 for his services the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the Grand Officers whose duty it is to attend the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, shall be paid for all necessary expenses, and \$3.00 per day for their attendance, and that their accounts shall be audited by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, That Comp. SEVER be allowed \$3.00 per day for his assistance to the Grand Secretary the present session.

On motion of Comp. BRUSH, it was

Resolved, That in future all refreshments in the Grand Chapter be discontinued, it being considered unnecessary, and as having an un-masonic tendency.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. WADSWORTH and JOSEPH ENOS, Jun., Grand Visitors for the ensuing year.

The Grand Chapter was then closed.

ISAAC HEMPSTED,
Grand Secretary.

1818.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York,
convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany,
and opened on the Mark degree, Tuesday, February 3d, 5818.

PRESENT:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH ENOS, Jun.,	Grand King.
" JOHN BRUSH,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. ISAAC HEMPSTED,	Grand Secretary.
" CHRISTOPHER C. YATES,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	as Grand Marshal.
" JESSE P. MITCHELL,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. SAMUEL EDMONDS,	P. D. G. H. P.:
" ASA FITCH,	P. G. K.:
" ELISHA GILBERT, Jun.,	P. G. K.:
" WILLIAM PATRICK,	P. G. S.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.:
" AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	P. G. S.:

And the Representatives of the following Chapters:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	John Coffin.
4. Montgomery,	William Patrick,
5. Temple,	Jonathan Eights.
	A. Moody.
	William L. Stone.
6. Hudson,	A. G. Barnard.
9. De La Fayette,	Salem Town.
10. Federal,	Asa Fitch.
	A. Wheeler.
	Philo Curtis.
13. Lebanon,	John Bull, Jun.
	Nathan Howard.
	Allen Spencer.
19. Fredonian,	Silas Lyon.
21. New Concord,	A. F. Hayden.
	Alex. Smith.

CHAPTERS.	REPRESENTATIVES.
22. Warren,	Jonathan Bartlett.
23. Warren,	William Hawkins.
25. Harmony,	Comp. Noyes.
26. Otsego,	W. Nichols.
27. Herkimer,	Timothy Baker.
28. Northern Constellation,	Comp. Peck.
31. Solomon,	Gilbert Ketchum.
32. Washington,	Zabed June.
33. Orange,	Joseph Norria.
36. Geneva,	Benjamin J. Dey.
37. Williams,	Nathaniel Hall.
38. Sherburne,	Comp. Welch.
39. Plattsburgh,	Isaac Hempsted.
44. Delphi,	Elisha Litchfield.
48. Apollo,	Ira M. Wells.
49. Washington,	Solomon Place.
50. Cyrus,	Joseph Enos, Jun.
53. Hiram Union,	Daniel Johnson.
56. Friendship,	Daniel Parker.
57. Cyrus,	Amos Curtis.
	Samuel Hatch.
	Richard McMichael.
57. Onecida,	T. Walker.
59. Watertown,	Egbert TenEyck.
	Isaac Lee.
	—— Trowbridge.

Several Companions were admitted to seats as visitors.

Comps. EBENEZER WADSWORTH and JOSEPH ENOS, Jun., were requested to wait on His Excellency, DEWITT CLINTON, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and inform him that the Grand Chapter is now open and request his attendance. The Committee subsequently reported that they had performed the duty, and that the General Grand High Priest returned for answer, that he was absolutely engaged, but would attend to-morrow at eleven o'clock, and requested that the Grand Chaplain's address be postponed until that hour, which was accordingly done.

The Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace.

The minutes of the last session were read.

The Grand High Priest made an official report of his proceedings during the recess.

The Deputy Grand High Priest made his official report, communicated through Comp. COFFIN.

Comps. EBENEZER WADSWORTH, and JOSEPH ENOS, Jun., were appointed a Committee on the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, and to consider all applications for Warrants.

Comps. ELISHA GILBERT, Jun., SILAS LYON, and JOHN BRUSH, were appointed a Committee on Charity.

Comps. ASA FITCH, PHILO CURTIS, and ELISHA GILBERT, Jun., were appointed a Committee to examine and settle the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 3D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as in the Mark degree.

Resolved, That ELISHA GILBERT, Jun., JONATHAN EIGHTS, ——— MORSE; WILLIAM L. STONE, GILBERT KETCHUM, WILLIAM NICHOLS, M. T. C. SMITH, T. WALKER, A. G. BERNARD, ASA FITCH, A. C. WELCH, SAMUEL EDMONDS, SAMUEL HATCH, ——— POWERS, DANIEL JOHNSON, EGBERT TEN EYCK, IRA M. WELLS, WILLIAM PATRICK, NATHANIEL HALL, JOHN NEWCOMB, ADONIJAH MOODY, SAMUEL PECK, JAMES MCKOWN, and WILLIAM BARKLEY, be a Committee in behalf of this Grand Chapter to use all laudable and honorable means in their power to procure an act of the Legislature incorporating this Grand Chapter, and that they avail themselves of the petition and papers heretofore used for that purpose.

Resolved, That Comps. EZRA AMES, ISAAC HEMPSTED, JONATHAN EIGHTS, WILLIAM L. STONE, and JAMES MCKOWN, be a sub-committee to prepare the necessary papers and lay the same before the Legislature, in order to procure the aforesaid act of incorporation.

A petition was read from SHERBURNE CHAPTER, No. 38, praying for the privilege of removing to the Village of New Berlin, and on motion the same was granted.

Resolved, That the dresses furnished by the Grand High Priest be accepted, and that the Grand Treasurer pay him \$100.00 in addition to the \$500.00 heretofore appropriated for the purpose of procuring said dresses.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 4TH, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

His Excellency, DEWITT CLINTON, General Grand High Priest, attended and was received with the honors due his exalted rank.

The Grand Chaplain, Comp. SALEM TOWN, then delivered an eloquent, learned, and appropriate, address, after which he retired, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter, together with \$25.00, be given the Grand Chaplain for his faithful discharge of duty the past year.

Resolved, That \$50.00 be given to Comp. TOWN, on condition that he affix the substance of the aforesaid address to a treatise on Speculative Masonry which he is now publishing.

The Mark lecture was given by the Grand High Priest with the assistance of the Grand Visitors:

The Grand Chapter was then closed on the Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 4TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers with the following result, viz:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD HATFIELD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH ENOS, Jun.,	Grand King.
" JOHN BRUSH,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Grand Secretary.
" ISAAC HEMPSTED,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
" JESSE P. MITCHELL,	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect, excepting the Deputy Grand High Priest, who was not present, were then duly installed.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary notify the Deputy Grand High Priest of his re-election, and request his acceptance, to be entered on file.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 5TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to digest and arrange the resolutions contained in the records of this Grand Chapter, which are necessary for the government and observance of subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges, that have been adopted since the adoption of the Constitution, and cause 300 copies to be printed on sheets to correspond with the present Book of Constitutions, and annex thereto a list of all the Chapters and Mark Lodges within this jurisdiction, and forward a copy to each Chapter and Mark Lodge.

Whereas, It has been represented to this Grand Chapter that regular members of Chapters, under this jurisdiction, are in the habit of receiving and giving degrees in a spurious manner, and receiving them also from persons whose conduct is degrading to the masonic character, therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to prepare and send a circular letter to each Chapter under this jurisdiction, highly disapproving such conduct, and recommending to the Chapters to take cognizance thereof.

A resolution was adopted recommending all Chapters and Mark Lodges to dispense with refreshments in future; the practice of providing them having, in the opinion of the Grand Chapter, an injurious tendency.

A communication was received from the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont containing a resolution of said Grand Chapter, as follows:

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Vermont, }
Masons' Hall, Rutland, June 4th, A. L. 5817. }

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Grand Chapter be directed to notify the Grand Chapter of the State of New York of the irregular proceedings of TEMPLE CHAPTER in Albany, in exalting SEWELL CUTTING of Windsor, who had been rejected in WINDSOR CHAPTER, and of exalting JOSEPH D.

WHEELOCK, then under suspension for unmasonic conduct in GREEN MOUNTAIN LODGE, and others residing in the vicinity of Chapters under the jurisdiction of this State Grand Chapter, without a recommendation from such Chapters.

A true copy from the records.

LEMUEL WHITNEY,
Grand Secretary.

The communication was referred to a Committee consisting of Comps. T. WALKER, SAMUEL EDMONDS, and AURELIUS G. BERNARD, who made the following report, viz:

That they have given the said communication all that attention which the highly reputable source from which it emanated so justly demanded; they have also, so far as the short time allowed them would permit, investigated the proceedings of TEMPLE CHAPTER in relation to the subject under consideration. From an examination of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and this Grand Chapter, we do not discover that a candidate from another State, applying to a Chapter in this State to be exalted, is required to produce a recommendation from the Chapter nearest his place of residence in such other State; and it appears to your Committee that the said SEWELL CUTTING and JOSEPH D. WHEELOCK were regularly proposed, balloted for, and accepted, according to the provisions of the aforesaid Constitutions and the established usages of masonry. And it further appears to your Committee, that at the time the said SEWELL CUTTING and JOSEPH D. WHEELOCK were exalted there was no information before TEMPLE CHAPTER that the former had been proposed and rejected in WINDSOR CHAPTER, or that the latter had been expelled for unmasonic conduct by GREEN MOUNTAIN LODGE, in the State of Vermont, or that either of them was laboring under any disability whatever; on the contrary, your Committee are convinced that they came to TEMPLE CHAPTER well recommended, and, for aught that appeared, were in good standing. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the proceedings of TEMPLE CHAPTER, in relation to the case under consideration, were regular and proper.

The report was accepted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to communicate the same to the Grand Chapter of the State of Vermont.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. EBENEZER WADSWORTH and JOSEPH ENOS, Jun., Grand Visitors for the ensuing year.

The Royal Arch lecture was given by the Grand High Priest and the Grand Visitors.

Rev. Comp. BRADLEY requested a recommendation from this Grand Chapter to a second edition of his masonic work, called

"Some of the Beauties of Freemasonry," which was referred to Comps. WADSWORTH, EIGHTS, and KETCHUM, who were subsequently discharged without reporting.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M., at which hour the Grand Chapter re-assembled.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee on Charity made report as follows:

That they had attended to the duties assigned them, and that the funds of the Grand Chapter are, in their opinion, inadequate to the relief of Companions unfortunate in business, and that the proper objects of masonic charity are such only as require immediate assistance in obtaining the indispensable necessities of life, and having considered the memorial of FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER, No. 56, in behalf of Comp. DANIEL PARKER, the Committee are of opinion that the facts therein stated do not warrant a compliance with the request therein contained. They have also considered the application of Bro. AMAZIAH BLAKESLEE, and are of opinion that no disbursement ought to be made to him. The Committee recommend that they have leave to withdraw their petitions.

The report was accepted.

The Committee appointed to consider the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, reported as follows:

That, in their opinion, the proceedings of those officers had been correct, that of the Deputy Grand High Priest especially, in relation to the application for the restoration of JACOB B. BARNES, formerly expelled by FREDONIAN CHAPTER, No. 19, and approve the report of a Committee appointed by him to investigate the proceedings of said Chapter in relation thereto. In the opinion of your Committee the said JACOB B. BARNES ought not to be restored.

Your Committee further report in favor of Granting Charters as follows, viz:

To Comps. GIDEON COGGESHALL, WILLIAM G. MEAD, and WILLIAM T. PROVOST, to hold a Chapter at New Rochelle, County of Westchester, by the name of BETHLEHEM CHAPTER, No. 60.

To Comps. WILLIAM H. JOHNSON, ROWLAND BAILEY, and NILES FROST to hold a Chapter at Carmel, County of Putnam, by the name of CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 61.

To BRN. ASA T. SMITH, OLNEY HINES, and JOHN LYON, to hold a Lodge at Camden, County of Oneida, by the name of PHILANTHROPIC MARK LODGE, No. 80.

To BRN. WILLIAM FAULKNER, CORNELIUS YOUNGLOVE, and DANIEL CRAIGER, to hold a Lodge at Bath, County of Steuben, by the name of ZION MARK LODGE, No. 81.

The petition for **ARMOUR MARK LODGE**, No. 100, was not proper either in form, address, or recommendation, and should be returned.

The petition of **JOHN LAMBERT** and others, for a Mark Lodge in Williamson, County of Ontario, was not properly recommended, and should not be granted.

The petition of **SILVANUS NOBLE** and others, for a Chapter at Louisville, Town of Butternuts, County of Otsego, was probably made without knowledge of the intended removal of **SHERBURNE CHAPTER** to New Berlin, which having already received the sanction of the Grand Chapter, will place **SHERBURNE CHAPTER** within seven miles of said village of Louisville, which would render the establishment of a Chapter there unnecessary—the Committee therefore recommend that the petition be returned for further consideration.

The Deputy Grand High Priest states in his official report, that **GIDEON COGGESHALL** and others, obtained a Dispensation from Comp. **JAMES WOODS**, late Deputy Grand High Priest, for which they paid him \$15.00 (which may or may not have been paid to this Grand Chapter, which cannot be ascertained from the records), and recommended the disbursement thereof to **BETHLEHEM CHAPTER**; but as no returns have been made or dues paid under said Dispensation, the Committee recommend that subject to the further investigation of the Grand Secretary.

The report was accepted, and Warrants were ordered to be issued as recommended.

Resolved, That \$50.00 be given to Comp. **DANIEL PARKER**, as a charitable donation.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Grand Chapter in the Mark degree be approved.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, reported them correct, and submitted the following statement of funds :

C. C. Yates' note, John F. Doty surety,	\$4,000 00
One year's interest on same,	280 00
Salem Town's note and interest,	309 63
Cash in hands of C. C. Yates, late Grand Treasurer,	840 68
“ “ “ “ Grand Secretary,	1,637 52½
Total,	\$7,067 83½

Resolved, That the Grand Officers, as a Committee of Loans, be authorized to invest the funds of this Grand Chapter, or any part thereof, at their discretion, in State or Bank Stock, to be held by them in their natural capacity for the use of this Grand Chapter

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the late Grand Treasurer, Comp. **CHRISTOPHER C. YATES**, be, and they are hereby required

to pay into the hands of the Grand Officers, as a Committee of Loans, all moneys in their hands due to this Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Secretary notify the Grand Officers and Comp. YATES to meet at room No. 7, Moody's Tavern, for that purpose.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed \$100.00 for his services during the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Comp. M. T. C. SMITH be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services as Assistant Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That Comp. JESSE P. MITCHELL be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services as Grand Sentinel, and \$6.00 in gross for preparing the hall, etc.

Resolved, That TEMPLE CHAPTER be allowed \$30.00 for the use of its room and furniture this session.

The Grand Chapter was then duly closed.

EBENEZER WADSWORTH,
Grand Secretary.

FEBRUARY 6TH.

The Grand Officers met pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Chapter, and adjusted the finances, which are as follows, viz :

Comp. Isaac Hempsted, after paying members and orders as allowed by the Grand Chapter, gave a check to Comp. AMES for balance in hand, . . .	\$ 417 02
Cash received from Comp. C. C. Yates, late Grand Treasurer, and paid to Comp. Ames, . . .	120 68
" Salem Town's note and interest, . . .	309 68
" Christopher C. Yates' mortgage, . . .	5,000 00
Total amount of funds, . . .	\$5,847 38

EBENEZER WADSWORTH,
Grand Secretary.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Passed March 31, 1818.

Whereas, It is represented to the Legislature by the Grand Chapter of Freemasons of the State of New York, that they experience great difficulties in vesting and securing their funds, which are chiefly intended for charitable purposes; and that they wish to purchase and hold a lot of ground for the purpose of erecting thereon a Masonic Hall: Therefore,

I. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly*, That EZRA AMES, RICHARD HATFIELD, JOSEPH ENOS, Jr., JOHN BRUSH, EBENEZER WADSWORTH, and ISAAC HEMPSTED, and their associates, be, and they are hereby declared a body politic and corporate, in fact and in name, by the name of the "Grand Chapter of the State of New York"; and that by that name, they and their successors shall and may have succession, and be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, defending and being defended, in all courts and places whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, complaints, matters, and causes whatsoever, and that they may have a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure.

II. *And be it further enacted*, That their elections of officers shall be made annually, at such time and place, and subject to such rules and regulations, as the said Grand Chapter shall from time to time direct; and that the first four officers, together with the secretary and treasurer for the time being, shall always be the trustees, and have the management of the concerns of the said Grand Chapter: *Provided always*, That all appropriations of the funds of the said Chapter shall be made by the trustees aforesaid, by and with the consent of a majority of the members thereof, present at their annual meetings.

III. *And be it further enacted*, That the trustees aforesaid, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be in law capable of purchasing, holding, selling and conveying any estate, real and personal, for the use and benefit of the said Chapter, not exceeding \$50,000.00 in value: *Provided*, That no real estate or lot of ground shall be purchased or held by the said trustees, except for the purpose of building and erecting a masonic hall thereon; and that the powers of the said trustees in relation to their personal estate, shall be confined to the vesting and securing of their funds, and the transfer and distribution thereof, for the ordinary and usual purposes of the said Chapter: *And provided also*, That this act shall in no wise affect any other or subordinate Chapter in this State.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be taken and deemed to be a public act, and that it shall and may be lawful for the Legislature, at any time hereafter, to alter or repeal the same.

1819.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State New York, convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, and opened on the Mark degree, February 2d, A. L. 5819.

PRESENT:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD HATFIELD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH ENOS,	Grand King.
" JOHN BRUSH,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Grand Secretary.
" ISAAC HEMPSTED,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
" JESSE P. MITCHELL,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. SAMUEL EDMONDS,	P. D. G. H. P.
" ASA FITCH,	P. G. K.
" ELISHA GILBERT, Jun.,	P. G. K.
" ADONIAH SKINNER,	P. G. S.

The following Companions, Representatives and Proxies of Chapters, produced proper vouchers, and took their seats:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Richard Hatfield.
3. Phoenix,	Paul Lampson.
4. Montgomery,	George Palmer.
	John F. Groesbeck.
	Michael Andrews.
5. Temple,	Jonathan Eights.
	Isaac Hempsted.
	S. Stennard.
6. Hudson,	W. G. Gordon.
	D. Parker.
8. Jerusalem,	Charles N. Baldwin.
9. De La Fayette,	Salem Town.
10. Federal,	Asa Fitch.
	Philo Curtis.
13. Lebanon,	Nathan Howard.
	John Bull, Jun.
	Josiah Waite.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
16. Rising Sun,	Silas Lyon.
19. Fredonian,	T. W. Bedell.
21. New Concord,	L. L. Wooster. A. F. Hayden. J. N. Fitch.
22. Warren,	J. Bartlett.
23. Warren,	William Hawkins.
25. Harmony,	John Noyes.
26. Otsego,	— Nichols.
27. Herkimer,	W. Maynard.
28. Northern Constellation,	Ebenezer Brownson.
31. Solomon,	T. L. Davis. A. Cox.
36. Geneva,	Philetus Swift.
37. Williams,	Nathaniel Hall.
38. Sherburne,	N. C. Welch. R. Clark.
39. Plattsburgh,	Samuel Emery.
42. Elmira,	C. Baker.
44. Delphi,	Benjamin Enos. Elisha Litchfield.
45. Montgomery,	Doddridge Smith.
46. North East,	H. Reynolds.
48. Apollo,	Asa Anthony.
49. Washington,	Solomon Place. Moses H. White.
50. Cyrus,	T. Greenly. Joseph Enos, Jun.
53. Hiram Union,	Reuben Hecox.
55. Glens Falls,	Royal Leavens.
56. Friendship,	Lemuel Hotchkiss.
57. Cyrus,	Amos Curtiss.
57. Oneida,	D. P. Hoyt.
58. Eagle,	Charles Bingham.
59. Watertown,	Isaac Lee.
60. Bethlehem,	Gideon Coggeshall.

M. M. LODGES.

28. Ames,	David Hamilton.
47. Evening Star,	Joseph B. Moore.
64. Sanger,	Isaac Hempsted.
74. Tompkins,	Stephen Barnum.
78. Hempsted,	Thomas Lloyd.

Several Companions and Brethren were admitted as visitors.
The Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing of Deity.

The Grand High Priest informed the Grand Chapter that the General Grand High Priest, M. E. DEWITT CLINTON, requested that the address of the Grand Chaplain be delivered at one o'clock, which was agreed to, and Comps. HEMPSTED, FITCH, and EDMONDS, were appointed a Committee to acquaint him thereof and conduct him to the hall, and also to give similar notice to the Deputy Grand High Priest.

The Grand High Priest made his official report, which was referred to a Committee consisting of Comps. WADSWORTH, ENOS, and LYONS; the same Committee also to consider all applications for Warrants.

Comps. ELISHA GILBERT, JUN., THOMAS L. DAVIS, and CHARLES N. BALDWIN, were appointed a Committee on Charity.

Comps. JOHN BRUSH, NATHANIEL HALL, and ASA FITCH, were appointed a Committee to examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary; the said Committee to report the state of the funds.

The General Grand High Priest visited the Grand Chapter, and was received with due honors.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered an eloquent, learned, and appropriate address, whereupon, after he had retired, it was

Resolved, That Comps. FITCH, GILBERT, and EDMONDS, be a Committee to present the thanks of the Grand Chapter to the Grand Chaplain for his excellent address, and present him \$25.00 for his services, and confer with him in relation to publishing the address.

The Grand Chaplain, Comp. SALEM TOWN, presented some numbers of his publication on Speculative Masonry, executed with peculiar elegance, to be kept particularly for the use of the Grand Chapter.

Adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FEBRUARY 2D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to wait on Comp. TOWN, reported

that he intended publishing a second edition of his work, in which he contemplated including the substance of his present address.

The report of the Committee was accepted, and it was

Resolved, That a service of plate, with appropriate devices, be presented to Comp. SALEM TOWN, of a value not exceeding \$50.00.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers, with the following result, viz:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD HATFIELD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH ENOS, Jun.,	Grand King.
" JOHN BRUSH,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. EBENEZER WILDSWORTH,	Grand Secretary.
" ISAAC HEMPSTED,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. WILLIAM B. LACEY,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
" JESSE P. MITCHELL,	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were duly installed by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand Secretary reported that a Dispensation granted by Comp. Woods, late Deputy Grand High Priest, for a Mark Lodge at New Rochelle, for which the sum of \$15.00 was paid, had never been used, and in the meantime BETHLEHEM CHAPTER, of which the petitioners for the Mark Lodge were now members, had been organized,—the money so paid ought to be returned.

The report was accepted, and \$15.00 was allowed to BETHLEHEM CHAPTER accordingly.

Comps. JOHN BRUSH, SAMUEL EDMONDS, RICHARD HATFIELD, JONATHAN EIGHTS, and NATHANIEL HALL, were appointed a Committee to take into consideration the subject of organizing the Grand Chapter according to the act for its incorporation, and report such regulations as in their opinion may be necessary.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 3D, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met on the Mark degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

No business appearing, adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

Grand Chapter resumed business on the Royal Arch degree.

Resolved, That Comp. JONATHAN EIGHTS be authorized to procure a seal for this Grand Chapter, with the following device, viz: The sun in the center encircled by the style of the Grand Chapter,—“The Grand Chapter of the State of New York, incorporated.”

Several expulsions, for unmasonic conduct and non-payment of dues were reported to the Grand Chapter, but the communications being informal, they were ordered to be returned to the Chapters for correction.

Adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 3D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Mark lecture was given by the Grand High Priest, assisted by Comp. WADSWORTH, Grand Visitor.

Grand Chapter closed on the Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 3D, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to consider the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, reported in favor of approving their acts, and granting Charters as follows:

To Comps. LEVI H. CLARK, WILLIAM NEAFUS, and CHAUNCEY DEAN, to hold a Chapter at Rochester, within two miles of the bridge crossing the Genesee River, by the name of HAMILTON CHAPTER, No. 62.

To Comps. PALMER CLEVELAND, SILVESTER GILBERT, and AMOS BACON, to hold a Chapter at Ogdensburgh, County of St. Lawrence, by the name of OGDENSBURGH CHAPTER, No. 63.

To Comps. JEDEDIAH MORGAN, CHRISTOPHER MORGAN, and JONATHAN RICHMOND, to hold a Chapter at Aurora, County of Cayuga, by the name of AURORA CHAPTER, No. 64.

To Comps. LIVINGSTON BILLINGS, PETER F. HUNN, and JOHN E. RUSSELL, to hold a Chapter at Monticello, County of Sullivan, by the name of SULLIVAN CHAPTER, No. 65.

To Comps. CLAUDIUS V. BOUGHTON, MICAH BROOKS, and OLIVER ROSE, to hold a Chapter at Canandaigua, County of Ontario, by the name of ONTARIO TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 66.

To BRN. DANIEL HICKS, DUDLEY EMERSON, and JABEZ REED, to hold a Lodge at Wilton, County of Saratoga, by the name of BETHSAIDA MARK LODGE, No. 82.

To BRN. JOHN MOSS, JOSEPH M. BALL, and ASA FOOT, to hold a Lodge at Fort Ann, County of Washington, by the name of FORT ANN MARK LODGE, No. 83.

The Committee also report in favor of granting the petition of WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 49, to remove to Union Village, in the Town of Greenwich.

Also, against granting a Warrant for a Chapter at Sackett's Harbor, on account of a remonstrance made by WATERTOWN CHAPTER, No. 59.

The report of the Committee was accepted, and Warrants were ordered to be issued as recommended.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer reported them correct, and that the funds of the Grand Chapter consisted of the following items, viz:

C. C. Yates' note and mortgage,	\$5,000 00
Interest thereon for one year,	850 00
S. Town's note,	300 00
Interest on the same,	80 63
Thirty-six shares Farmers and Mechanics' Bank stock, on which is paid \$15.00 per share,	540 00
Dividends due thereon,	43 20
Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer,	1,493 46
Fifty shares stock in Albany Fire Insurance Co., on which is paid \$3.00 per share,	150 00
Total,	<u>\$7,907 29</u>

The Committee also report that the note and mortgage against C. C.

YATES are unsafe for the amount represented, and require particular attention, and that the Fire Insurance Co's stock is connected somewhat with the mortgage given by C. C. YATES to the Albany Insurance Co., and also requires particular attention.

The report was accepted, and it was

Resolved, That the Trustees of this Grand Chapter be, and they are hereby requested to collect or better secure the note and mortgage of \$5,000 against C. C. YATES, and to invest all or any part of the funds of this Grand Chapter in State or bank stock at their discretion, and also to dispose of or arrange the fire insurance company stock in like manner.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 4TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to examine the Act of Incorporation, and report what, if any, regulations were necessary to be adopted under said Act, made the following report:

That, in their opinion, the said Act was calculated to answer its intended purpose, and suggested that the individuals holding securities in trust for the Grand Chapter vest all such securities in the Trustees, agreeably to said Act of Incorporation, and recommend the same be done by assignment as soon as may be; the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Chapter having been adopted previous to the incorporation, your Committee recommend that the same be reprinted, together with such resolutions as appear on the minutes necessary to be added, and a copy of the Act of Incorporation, and distributed to the subordinate Chapters.

The report was accepted.

The Committee appointed to examine the books reported that the Grand Secretary had received, in addition to the amount heretofore reported for Warrants and dues, the sum of \$343.00, which report was accepted.

WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, petitioned for indulgence in regard to paying dues to the Grand Chapter, and Comp. JOSEPH ENOS was authorized to settle with said Chapter, and receive its dues at any time before the first day of June next.

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, be requested to represent this Grand Chapter at the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter, to be holden at the City of New York, on the second Tuesday in September next, and that their necessary expenses and suitable compensation for their travel and attendance be allowed them from the funds.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M., at which time the Grand Chapter re-assembled.

The Royal Arch lecture was given by the Grand Visitors WADSWORTH and ENOS.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the proceedings had in the Mark degree during this session be approved.

The Grand Chapter assumed the payment of a note given by Comp. ASAHIEL CLARK to ISAAC HEMPSTED for \$20.00, and directed the Grand Secretary to transmit the said note to Comp. CLARK as a donation from this Grand Chapter.

The Committee appointed to procure a corporate seal reported :

That in compliance with a resolution, he had procured the engraving of a seal in accordance with the device and inscription adopted by the Grand Chapter, and that the same was executed by Comp. RALPH RAWDON, at an expense of \$5.00.

The report was accepted.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to Comp. THOMAS J. OAKLEY and the other Companions and Brethren of the Legislature, at the last session thereof, for their indefatigable exertions in procuring the act of incorporation of this Grand Chapter, and that Comps. JOHN BRUSH and JONATHAN EIGHTS be a Committee to present Comp. OAKLEY with a copy of this resolution.

Resolved, That all Chapters and Mark Lodges under this jurisdiction, which are in arrears for dues for two years and upwards, be declared to have forfeited their Charters, agreeably to the 3d section of the 4th article of the Constitution, and that the Grand Secretary notify them to suspend all further proceedings until the same be paid, except that which relates to such payment ; and if not paid within six months from the date of such notice, that their Charters, property, etc., shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary for

the use of the Grand Chapter, **provided**, that this resolution shall not affect the privilege granted to **WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35.**

Comp. **JOSEPH ENOS**, Grand Visitor, reported that he had been informed by several respectable Companions in the County of St. Lawrence, that the officers of **ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER**, at Massena, in said County, have some of the principal secrets of the degrees in writing in a book, and do not pretend to give them without reading them.

The above was referred to the Grand Council to give such instructions to the Grand Visitor of that district as may be thought proper.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. **EBENEZER WADSWORTH**, and **JOSEPH ENOS, JUN.**, Grand Visitors for the middle, eastern, and western districts; and the Deputy Grand High Priest appointed **THOMAS LOWNDS** Grand Visitor for the southern district.

The Committee on Charity reported verbally that no applications for charity had been made to the Committee.

Resolutions were adopted as follows :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed \$100.00 for his services the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Comp. **JOSEPH B. MOORE** be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services as Assistant Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That Comp. **JESSE P. MITCHELL** be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services as Grand Sentinel, and \$6.00 for preparing the hall.

Resolved, That **TEMPLE CHAPTER** be allowed \$30.00 for the use of its hall and furniture this session.

Resolved, That the Trustees of this Grand Chapter be authorized to pay the contingent expenses of this session out of the funds, agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution.

The Grand Chapter was then closed.

EBENEZER WADSWORTH,
Grand Secretary.

At a meeting of the Grand Council, held on the fifth day of February, 1819, there were

PRESENT :

M. E.	EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
"	RICHARD HATFIELD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
"	JOSEPH ENOS, JUN.,	Grand King.

On the question of paying traveling fees to members of the Grand Chapter who were also members of the Legislature, referred to the Grand Council, the following decision was made, viz :

High Priests, Kings, or Scribes, representing their own Chapters, are entitled to pay for travel, notwithstanding they may be members of the Legislature at the same time ; but, that no member of the Legislature, representing a Chapter by proxy only, ought to receive pay for anything more than actual attendance.

E. WADSWORTH,
Grand Secretary.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Grand Chapter, held at Albany on the 8th day of February, A. L. 5819, there were

PRESENT :

M. E.	EZRA AMES.	M. E.	RICHARD HATFIELD.
"	JOHN BRUSH.	"	EBENEZER WADSWORTH.
"	ISAAC HEMPSTED.		

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer pay all moneys in their hands to EZRA AMES, and that he vest the same in bank stock, if it can be done to advantage—exercising his discretion.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary retain his salary for the ensuing year out of the moneys in his hands.

Resolved, That the mortgage against CHRISTOPHER C. YATES be foreclosed, and the note put in suit; also, that Comp. JOHN BRUSH be agent or attorney for the Grand Chapter.

Adjourned.

EBENEZER WADSWORTH,
Grand Secretary.

1820.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, February 1st, A.: L.: 5820, pursuant to the 1st section of article 2d of the Constitution, and opened on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD HATFIELD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH ENOS, JUN.	Grand King.
" JOHN BRUSH,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Grand Secretary.
" ISAAC HEMPSTED,	Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM B. LACEY,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL,	Grand Marshal.
" JESSE P. MITCHELL,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: SAMUEL EDMONDS,	P.: D.: G.: H.: P.:
" ASA FITCH,	P.: G.: K.:
" ELISHA GILBERT, JUN.,	P.: G.: K.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:
" ADONIAH SKINNER,	P.: G.: S.:

The following Representatives and Proxies of Chapters produced the necessary vouchers and took their seats, viz:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Richard Hatfield.
5. Temple,	Jonathan Eights.
	Isaac Hempsted.
	S. Stanford.
6. Hudson,	Campbell Bushnell.
7. Horeb,	G. W. Gurney.
10. Federal,	Asa Fitch.
13. Lebanon,	John Bull, Jun.
	Josiah Waite.
	Harvey Wells.
14. St. Andrew's,	Abel Watkins.
19. Fredonian,	William D. Morgan.
21. New Concord,	Daniel Smith, Jun.,
	Henry S. Clark.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
22. Warren,	Joshua Babcock.
23. Warren,	William Hawkins.
25. Harmony,	John Noyes.
26. Otsego,	William Nichols.
28. Northern Constellation, .	William Cleaveland.
30. John the Baptist, . . .	John Newcomb.
31. Solomon,	Abram Ennis.
32. Washington,	W. Crocker.
34. David's,	David Horner.
35. Western Star,	—— Powers.
36. Geneva,	Elnathan Noble.
37. Williams,	Nathaniel Hall.
38. Sherburne,	A. C. Welch.
	R. Clark.
39. Plattsburgh,	Reuben H. Walworth.
43. Mount Vernon,	John Sergeant.
44. Delphi,	Benjamin Enos.
	A. Benedict.
45. Montgomery,	Abel Godfrey.
48. Apollo,	Asa Anthony.
49. Washington,	Thomas Crandal.
50. Cyrus,	Joseph Enos,
	Joseph B. Moore.
51. Richmond,	John Van Fossen.
53. Hiram Union,	John G. Van Deusen.
57. Cyrus,	John K. Paige,
	Isaac Haight.
58. Oneida,	Timothy G. Seward.
59. Watertown,	Isaac Lee,
	A. Trowbridge.
63. Ogdensburgh,	Joseph York.
65. Sullivan,	Livingston Billings.

MARK LODGES.

47. Evening Star,	Luther C. Spencer.
66. Tyrian,	M. Willett.
74. Tompkins,	—— Barnum.

At the request of M.: E.: DEWITT CLINTON, General Grand High Priest, the delivery of the address of the Grand Chaplain was postponed until two o'clock P. M., and Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and ELISHA GILBERT were appointed a Committee to conduct him to the hall at that hour.

The records of the last session were read, together with the

proceedings of the Grand Council and Trustees during the recess, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Council and Trustees, as recorded, be confirmed.

Comps. ASA FITCH, ELISHA GILBERT, Jun., and WILLIAM D. MORGAN, were appointed a Committee on the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Comps. SAMUEL EDMONDS, JOSEPH ENOS, and NATHANIEL HALL, were appointed a Committee on the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, and applications for Warrants.

Comps. ELISHA GILBERT, Jun., JOHN BRUSH, and RICHARD HATFIELD, were appointed a Committee on Charity.

M. E. DEWITT CLINTON, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, visited the Grand Chapter, and was conducted to the E. with the usual honors.

The Grand Chaplain then addressed the Throne of Grace, and delivered a learned and eloquent address.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 1ST, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Petition of WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 32, at North Salem, Westchester County, for leave to remove to South Salem, in said county, was read and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

Petition of MELANCTON T. WOOLSEY and others, for a Chapter at Sackett's Harbor, Jefferson County, was read and referred to the Committee on that subject.

The Committee appointed at the last session to superintend the re-printing of the Constitution, General Regulations, etc., reported that they had attended to that duty, and presented an account of MESSRS. PACKARD & VAN BENTHUYSEN for the work, amounting to \$50.00, which was ordered paid.

A petition of MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER for remission of dues, etc., was referred to Comps. REUBEN H. WALWORTH, JOHN KEYES PAIGE, and CAMPBELL BUSHNELL.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees report, as early as possible during the present session, the amount and condition of all funds and property belonging to this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Trustees, on the first day of each annual meeting, to make a detailed report of the condition and amount of all funds and property committed to their care and superintendence as Trustees.

A petition of SIMON LEROY, for charity, was referred to the Committee on that subject.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 2D, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Mark lecture was given by the Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapter was closed on the Mark degree.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Trustees made the following report, viz:

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter, the Trustees report the funds to consist of the following items, viz:

One hundred and six shares stock of the Mechanics' and Farmers' Bank, on which is paid \$15.00 per share,	\$1,590 00
Balance in hands of Ezra Ames, including the dividends on stock received by him,	18 75
Bills of Niagara Bank (uncurrent),	31 00
Salem Town's note, dated Feb. 6, 1818,	300 00
Two years' interest on same, to Feb. 6, 1820,	42 00
Christopher C. Yates' note and mortgage, dated Feb. 6, 1818, \$5,000.00; interest two years, \$700.00,	5,700 00
Total,	\$7,681 75

Fifty shares of stock of the Albany Insurance Company at \$100.00 each, on which is paid \$3.00 per share, is held by assignment from CHRISTOPHER C. YATES as collateral security on the \$5,000.00 note.

Also, an order dated March 1, 1819, drawn by C. C. YATES on ISAAC HEMPSTED, for one year's interest on said note; the acceptance and payment of which has been refused by ISAAC HEMPSTED.

Also, as collateral security upon the said note, the said CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, on the 24th day of October, 1818, confessed judgment to JOHN F. BACON for \$14,710.13, in trust to pay twenty-three different demands, among which EZRA AMES and others, the payees of the note aforesaid, stand No. 14 in the specification, there being \$6,416.18 of prior claims in aforesaid judgment, and the Sheriff of Albany County has sold all the property of CHRISTOPHER C. YATES upon an execution issued on said judgment without satisfying the claims prior to No. 14.

The said note of CHRISTOPHER C. YATES has been prosecuted, a default, interlocutory judgment, and a rule for final judgment on assessment of damages entered in the suit, and measures have been taken to foreclose the said mortgage, and suspended until the pleasure of the Grand Chapter be known and expressed thereon.

The buildings situated on the premises described in said mortgage, have been insured by C. C. YATES in the Albany office, and the policy assigned to your Trustees.

The tenants in possession of the said mortgaged premises, put in by C. C. YATES, have been required to pay the rent to your Trustees.

The said mortgaged premises have been sold on the said judgment of JOHN F. BACON, and purchased by Dr. MILLER, a brother-in-law of C. C. YATES.

And, in the opinion of your Trustees, the said mortgaged premises are not worth to exceed \$2,500.00—a considerable portion of which consists in buildings liable to destruction by fire.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EZRA AMES,
RICHARD HATFIELD,
JOSEPH ENOS,
JOHN BRUSH,
EBENEZER WADSWORTH.
ISAAC HEMPSTED.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary furnish each Chapter and Mark Lodge in this jurisdiction one copy of the proceedings of the late meeting of the General Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That so much of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter as relates to the death of M. E. Companion THOMAS SMITH WEBB be read.

Which was accordingly done.

Resolved, That every member of the Grand Chapter, who is one of the presiding officers of a subordinate Chapter, shall be entitled to three votes on all questions, unless the other officers of the same Chapter, or one of them, be present or represented by proxy.

A memorial of C. C. YATES in regard to his indebtedness to the Grand Chapter was received, read, and it was

Resolved, That the memorial be referred to Comps. ELISHA GILBERT, Jun., REUBEN H. WALWORTH, and JOHN KEYES PAIGE.

Who reported as follows:

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of the memorial of Comp. C. C. YATES, beg leave to report in part,

That, from an examination of the same, so far as relates to the conduct of the Grand Officers, we are of opinion that no censure is to be attached to either of them.

That, from the examination we have made, we are induced to believe that their exertions have been used to the better security of debts due this Grand Chapter, uninfluenced by personal animosity or prejudicial feelings. And as far as relates to the conduct of Comp. BRUSH, as attorney for the Trustees of the Grand Chapter, in relation to the suit commenced against Comp. YATES, we have examined the said Board of Trustees, and find that by a resolution of said Board, he was directed to commence the suit, and we cannot discover that, in conducting the same, he has pursued a course different from what would have been expected by any client from an attorney whom he had selected for the prosecution of his claims, and as to the residue of the said memorial the Committee beg leave further to report thereon.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. GILBERT, Jun.,
R. H. WALWORTH,
JNO. KEYES PAIGE.

The Committee appointed to consider the memorial of Comp. C. C. YATES, made a further report as follows:

The Committee appointed upon the memorial of Comp. CHRISTOPHER C. YATES would further report:

That, in relation to the demands of this Grand Chapter against Comp. YATES, we concur with the Trustees in their report, that the present security for that debt is insufficient; this fact is also admitted by Comp. YATES in his interview with your Committee. With respect to his proposition contained in his memorial, your Committee are of opinion that it would be inadvisable to accept of the same, inasmuch as the rents and dividends would fall short of the annual interest for which they are offered as a substitute, and because he is unwilling to fix any time for the payment of the principal.

Comp. YATES has made in writing another proposition to your Committee, to give the Trustees of the Grand Chapter a good and sufficient title to the mortgaged premises at a fair and equitable valuation, and to secure the balance that would remain due, having a reasonable time for the payment of the principal, and the interest to be paid annually.

Your Committee would recommend the acceptance by the Grand Chapter of this proposition; and if there should be a disagreement between the

Trustees and Comp. YATES, as to the value of said premises, that they be authorized to submit the appraisement of the same to indifferent persons to be selected by them. And that said Trustees give to him such reasonable time for the payment of the balance, to be secured as to them may seem just and proper, and if no arrangement can be made under the proposition, your Committee would recommend that the Trustees offer to Comp. YATES an extension of time for the payment of the principal not exceeding five years, upon the present security, on condition that he gives ample security for the payment of the interest annually during that time. And further, that said Trustees also offer Comp. YATES, that if he will secure the whole amount of principal and interest on unincumbered property, so that the Grand Chapter cannot sustain any loss, and the interest to be paid annually, that he shall have such reasonable time for the payment of the principal as he may require.

And your Committee recommend that the Trustees be instructed, that if Comp. YATES does not comply with and carry into effect any of the said propositions within one month from this time, that they proceed and collect what they can on the present security without delay.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ELISHA GILBERT, Jun.,
REUBEN H. WALWORTH,
JOHN KEYES PAIGE.

The report was accepted, and the Trustees were ordered to proceed accordingly.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M., at which time the Grand Chapter re-assembled.

Royal Arch lecture given by the Grand High Priest and JOSEPH ENOS, Grand Visitor.

Memorials of LEVI LOVE and ONTARIO TEMPLE CHAPTER were read, and referred to the Trustees.

Report of JOSEPH ENOS, in regard to WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, was referred to the Committee on Warrants.

The following is the report of the Committee on presenting the service of plate to the late Grand Chaplain, Companion Town, together with his reply, which was ordered to be recorded :

That the plate ordered consists of four elegant silver tumblers, and bearing the following inscription : " The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York, to their Grand Chaplain, SALEM TOWN. Respect for his character, and gratitude for his fidelity, have directed this tribute of affection. Albany, February 4, A. L. 5819."

That the said plate was presented to the late Grand Chaplain on the 23d day of March last, and at the same time the following address was delivered by the D. G. H. Priest :

Permit us, sir, in behalf of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, to present you with these calices as a tribute of affection, dictated by a regard for your character and gratitude for your services. In performing this agreeable duty, the consideration of it is increased by the consciousness of their being presented to one who has devoted many years of his life for the good of the fraternity; who has by his writings, instructions, and examples, impressed the community with a favorable opinion of the general principles of the order; has placed in so striking a light the noble designs of the institution of Free Masonry, as that the strongest and most deep-rooted prejudices have given way for calm and dispassionate consideration and reflection. In your retirement from the office which you have so distinguishingly held for the lapse of more than thirteen years, take with you the most cordial wishes of the Grand Chapter for your prosperity and happiness, and our individual respect for your exalted character.

(Signed,)

EZRA AMES,

G.: H.: P.:

RICHARD HATFIELD, D.: G.: H.: P.:

To which the late Grand Chaplain returned the following answer:

To the Most Excellent Comps. EZRA AMES and RICHARD HATFIELD:

You will please to accept my sincere acknowledgment for this token of your esteem. Be assured it is a mark of affection which will make a deep impress on the memory of my heart.

Through you, our beloved Companions of the Grand Chapter have presented me with this plate, and through the same channel I tender to them, most affectionately, every acknowledgment that a gratified heart can feel. This plate shall be kept as a lasting memento of our friendship, and a precious token of mutual affection.

Your brother in fraternal esteem,

SALEM TOWN.

Albany, March 24, 5819.

The Committee appointed to consider the petition of MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER, No. 43, for remission of dues reported, and it was

Resolved, That a donation of \$100.00 be made to said Chapter.

Resolved, That said MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER, No. 43, be restored to all its former immunities and privileges, and the late election of officers thereof be confirmed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Trustees be authorized and instructed to vest all moneys which may come into their hands in such productive stock as to them shall appear best for the interest of the Grand Chapter.

Petitions of ISAAC HAIGHT and DANIEL SMITH were read, and referred to Committee on Charity.

Petition for the relief of Mark Masons in Camden referred to Committee on Warrants.

Comp. AMOS BRIGGS found a \$1.00 bill, which was invested in the funds of the Grand Chapter.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, who attended the late meeting of the General Grand Chapter, united in the following report, viz:

The undersigned most respectfully report to this Grand Chapter, that, agreeably to a resolution passed the last session, they attended the session of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, held at New York, on Thursday, the 9th of September last. They are happy to have it in their power to state that from representations made, it appears that most of the States in the Union have acknowledged the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and that a strong probability exists that in the course of a few years nearly the whole Union will look up to it as the only source from which can be derived the legitimate power of working in the degrees of masonry which it embraces. The utmost harmony prevails, and a strong disposition evinces itself of extending that essential principle of our order, and that masonry is generally extending its benign influence to the remote borders of our confederacy.

During a session of four days many important subjects were taken into consideration, and the Grand Chapter is referred for further particulars to the printed proceedings which accompany this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

RICHARD HATFIELD,	D.: G.: H.: P.:
JOSEPH ENOS,	G.: K.:
EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	G.: S.:

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 3D, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall give to this Grand Chapter security for the faithful discharge thereof, which security shall be a bond to the corporation, with one or more responsible sureties, to be approved by a majority of the Trustees, and in such form as they may prescribe.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of Comp. ENOS, Grand Visitor, with reference to WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, submitted a report in substance as follows:

The said Chapter paid Comp. ENOS \$60.00, and Comp. POWERS \$50.00, which they are ready to pay, making \$110.00, leaving a balance of \$136.00 due the Grand Chapter on the 1st day of February, 1819. Of that sum, \$36.50 is charged on members who ought to have been returned, *removed*, *etc.*, and from whom the Chapter received no dues, which sum your Committee recommend be remitted, which would reduce the amount to \$99.50. For which sum, after deducting the amount due for travel and attendance of the Representatives, your Committee recommend that the Trustees take the note of Comps. POWERS, PLATT, and MCKAY, payable on the 7th day of February next, with interest.

The report was accepted.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result, viz :

M. E. EZRA AMES, of Albany,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD HATFIELD, of New York,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOSEPH ENOS, of Eaton,	Grand King.
" JOHN BRUSH, of Poughkeepsie,	Grand Scribe.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH, of Brainard's Bridge,	Grand Secretary
" WILLIAM BARCLAY, of Albany,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. WILLIAM B. LACEY, of Albany,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., of New Lebanon,	Grand Marshal.
" JESSE P. MITCHELL, of Albany,	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers were duly installed, after which the Grand Chapter adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 3D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :—Officers and members as before.

Whereas, By resolutions of this Grand Chapter, passed February 4, 1819, the Grand Chapter assumed the payment of a note of \$20.00, given by Comp. ASAHCL CLARK to ISAAC HEMPSTED, and made a donation of said note to Comp. CLARK, and

Whereas, It appears that the said resolutions were passed under a misapprehension of the facts in relation to said note, and the said Comp. CLARK having asked permission to pay the same, therefore,

Resolved (on his motion), That such permission be granted.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand

Treasurer and Grand Secretary made report, which was accepted. (Report on file.)

A memorial of TYRIAN MARK LODGE was read, and referred to the Committee on Charity.

The Grand Secretary made a report of delinquent Chapters and Lodges, which was accepted. (Report on file.)

The Committee on Charity made the following report :

That they had taken the petition of SIMON LEROY into consideration, and, from the representations made to the Committee, they are of opinion that it ought not to be granted.

On the petition of ALEXANDER SMITH, the Committee find the statements therein to be true, and recommend a donation of \$20.00.

On the petition of ISAAC HAIGHT, the Committee report that he has been a great sufferer by the late fire in Schenectady; that his reputation is that of an honest and industrious mechanic, of high standing in his Chapter, and that he is in every respect worthy the benevolent consideration of this Grand Chapter. The Committee therefore recommend a donation of \$25.00.

The Committee further report on the petitions of SAMUEL LEE, MILO SMITH, GERSHOM VAN VOAST, and JOHN S. TEN EYCK, sufferers by the late fire at Schenectady, that they are entitled to the consideration of the Grand Chapter, and we recommend donations to them as follows: SAMUEL LEE, \$15.00; MILO SMITH, \$10.00; GERSHOM VAN VOAST, \$10.00, and JOHN S. TEN EYCK, \$10.00

The report was accepted.

Whereas, A memorial was, on the 2d instant, presented to this Grand Chapter by Comp. CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, containing strong imputations and charges of unmasonic and improper conduct against Comp. JOHN BRUSH, one of the members of the Grand Council thereof, in the discharge of his official duties, and

Whereas, By a report of the Committee to whom the said memorial was referred, it appears the said charges and imputations were wholly without foundation, and

Whereas, It is due to the dignity of this Grand Chapter that no Companion shall be permitted, under form or pretence of a memorial, to stigmatize either the body or its members without due notice being taken thereof, therefore

Resolved, That the conduct of Comp. BRUSH, in relation to the subject matter of the said memorial has been just, masonic, and proper, and in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, is worthy the high standing he holds therein.

The Committee on Warrants reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to consider the reports of the Grand and Deputy High Priests, and applications for Warrants, and other matters referred, respectfully report in favor of approving the doings of the Grand Officers referred to, and that Warrants be granted as follows:

To Comps. JEDEDIAH PENDERGAST, PHINEAS STEVENS, and EBENEZER JOHNSON, to hold a Chapter at Mayville, Chautauqua County, by the name of WESTERN SUN CHAPTER, No. 67.

To Comps. MELANCTON T. WOOLSEY, WILLIAM KING, and JOHN CLITZ, to hold a Chapter at Sackett's Harbor, Jefferson County, by the name of SACKETT'S HARBOR CHAPTER, No. 68.

The Committee further report, that, in their opinion, the petition of WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 32, to remove from North to South Salem, in the County of Westchester, ought to be granted; and that the petition of certain Brethren at Camden, Oneida County, to whom a Warrant for a Mark Lodge was granted at the meeting of the Grand Chapter in 1818, but not installed, wherein they ask to associate with them certain other Mark Masters, and insert names in the said Warrant other than those originally placed therein, ought to be granted; and the Committee recommend that Comp. JOSEPH ENOS be authorized to insert the names selected in the said Warrant.

The report was accepted, and Warrants were ordered to be issued in accordance with the report.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 4TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened agreeably to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Whereas, CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, by his order bearing date March 1st, 1819, directed to ISAAC HEMPSTED, ordered said ISAAC HEMPSTED to retain in his hands the sum of \$350.00 out of the proceeds of a certain execution therein mentioned, and to pay the same to EZRA AMES, as interest on the note held by this Grand Chapter against said YATES, and

Whereas, The said HEMPSTED did verbally engage and promise to pay the same when collected, and

Whereas, The said money has since been collected and received by said HEMPSTED, he being at the time Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, therefore

Resolved, That said HEMPSTED be notified by the Grand Secretary that the Trustees of this Grand Chapter will hold said HEMPSTED accountable for the said sum, unless in the negotiation now pending with said YATES the said sum shall be accounted for and settled by said YATES.

The following was adopted:

Whereas, It is contrary to the ancient regulations of masonry, and to the

principles of the General and State Grand Royal Arch Constitutions, that the degree of High Priest should be conferred on any Companion who has not been regularly elected to sustain that office in some legally constituted Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and

Whereas, It is represented to this Grand Chapter that some Companions attempt, or pretend, to confer that degree on those who are not entitled to receive the same, therefore

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter does expressly prohibit every Royal Arch Mason under this jurisdiction, who has not been regularly elected High Priest as aforesaid, from receiving the said degree of High Priest, or any degree purporting to be the degree of High Priest, from any person or persons whatever; and all Companion Royal Arch Masons are expressly forbidden to confer or attempt to confer the said degree, or any degree purporting to be such, on any Companion not entitled to receive the same, on pain of expulsion.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of the foregoing resolution to every Chapter under this jurisdiction, and also to Comps. JOSEPH H. ELLIS, of Otsego County, and DANIEL PARKER, of Hudson.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, be considered as constitutionally in default; and that it be, and is hereby restored to good standing, and entitled to execute all the privileges and immunities of a subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction, upon rendering to the Grand Secretary a satisfactory return of all arrears for dues, and paying the amount of said dues to the said Grand Secretary.

Comp. JOSEPH ENOS, Grand Visitor, was appointed to inquire into the conduct of WARREN CHAPTER, No. 22, in exalting DANIEL FERGUSON in said Chapter, and report at the next session.

Comp. JOSEPH ENOS, Grand Visitor, made the following report:

In obedience to the direction of the Warrant of the Grand High Priest, I have consecrated the Chapter and installed the officers of AURORA CHAPTER, No. 64, in the Village of Aurora, Cayuga County, and received the fee for its Warrant,	\$ 60 00
I have visited and received the dues of PALMYRA MARK LODGE, No. 68, to Feb. 1st, 1819,	11 50
From HAMILTON CHAPTER, No. 62, at Rochester, for dues when under Dispensation,	30 00
From WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35,	60 00
Total receipts,	\$161 50

I have also visited DAVID'S CHAPTER, No. 34, at Auburn; EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 58, at Ithaca; and ONEIDA CHAPTER, No. 57, at Utica; all of which

are well informed; and I am pleased to have it in my power to state that they are in a very flourishing condition.

Time in attending to WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, four days; and ROCHESTER and PALMYRA, two days.

JOSEPH ENOS.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Confirming the proceedings of the Grand Chapter on the Mark degree this session.

Directing the Grand Visitor's account to be audited and settled by the Grand High Priest and Grand Treasurer; also, the accounts of the Representatives to the General Grand Chapter, and allowing them their expenses and \$3.00 per day.

Thanking the Grand Chaplain for his excellent address, and directing him to be paid \$25.00 as a compensation for his services.

Agreeing to pay the Grand Secretary \$100.00 for his services the ensuing year.

Directing the payment of \$3.00 per day to Comp. HARRY PIERCE for his services during the session as Assistant Grand Secretary.

Allowing Comp. JESSE P. MITCHELL \$3.00 per day for his services as Grand Sentinel, and \$12.00 for preparing the hall, furnishing wood, etc., for this session.

Allowing TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, \$30.00 for the use of its room and furniture, and that the same be audited on its dues for the last year.

Suspending and prohibiting all Chapters and Mark Lodges two years and upwards in arrears for dues from the transaction of any business, except the payment of such dues, excepting, however, WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 29, and WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 41, for a period of six months, on the representations of the Grand Visitor.

TEMPLE CHAPTER made return in relation to its dues as follows:

1815,	\$100 50	1818,	\$28 50
1816,	70 00	1819,	85 00
1817,	65 00	1820,	32 00
Total,			\$331 00

From which should be deducted the sum of \$180.00, being amount allowed said Chapter for the use of its room for six years, leaving a balance of \$151.00, which was paid to the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests made the following appointments of Grand Visitors:

Comps. THOMAS LOWNDS, of New York; EBENEZER WADSWORTH, of Brainard's Bridge; and JOSEPH ENOS, Jun., of Eaton.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Grand Chapter was closed.

EBENEZER WADSWORTH,
Grand Secretary.

1821.

THE Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of the State of New York, convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, February 6th, A. L. 5821, pursuant to the 1st section of the 2d article of the Constitution, and opened on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD HATFIELD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH ENOS,	Grand King.
" JOHN BRUSH,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Grand Secretary.
" WILLIAM B. LACEY,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
" JESSE P. MITCHELL,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: SAMUEL EDMONDS,	P.: D.: G.: H.: P.:
" ELISHA GILBERT, Jun.,	P.: G.: K.:
" ASA FITCH,	P.: G.: K.:
" ADONIJAH SKINNER,	P.: G.: S.:
" AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	P.: G.: S.:

And the Representatives and Proxies of the following Chapters:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
5 Temple,	E. Howe, S. Stanford, —— Heermance.
6 Hudson,	Thomas Blanck.
7 Horeb,	N. Caulkins.
9. De La Fayette,	Salem Town.
10. Federal,	Asa Fitch, William M. McFarland.
13. Lebanon,	Ebenezer Wadsworth, Roswell Chappell, William S. Herrick.
16. Rising Sun,	J. Hedden.
19. Fredonian,	W. D. Morgan.
21. New Concord,	H. S. Clark, D. Smith, Jun.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
22. Warren,	J. Bartlett.
23. Warren,	J. Edgcomb.
24. St. Lawrence,	Robert McChesney.
25. Harmony,	John Noyes.
26. Otsego,	William Nichols.
28. Northern Constellation,	William Cleaveland.
30. John the Baptist,	Cyrus Powers.
31. Solomon,	Jacob Weeks.
32. Washington,	Zabed June.
34. David's,	D. Horner.
35. Western Star,	Ezra Platt.
36. Geneva,	Richard Hogarth.
37. Williams,	Nathaniel Hall.
38. Sherburne,	A. C. Welch.
39. Plattsburgh,	R. H. Walworth.
40. Mount Hope,	Benjamin Dodge, S. Beaks.
43. Mount Vernon,	John Sergeant.
44. Delphi,	Benjamin Enos.
46. North East,	Thomas H. Dunning.
48. Apollo,	Paul Pomeroy, Joseph Wiswall, Henry Sedam.
49. Washington,	Solomon Place.
50. Cyrus,	Joseph Enos. —— Greenly.
51. Richmond,	S. Nichols, 2d.
53. Hiram Union,	J. G. Van Deusen.
55. Glens Falls,	Charles White. James White. Asahel Clark.
56. Friendship,	L. Hotchkiss.
57. Cyrus,	John K. Paige. N. N. White. R. Mc Michael.
57. Oneida,	Kelleen Winne.
62. Hamilton,	E. B. Strong.
63. Ogdensburgh,	Joseph York.
65. Sullivan,	L. Billings.
66. Ontario Temple,	Aaron Ackley.
67. Western Sun,	E. P. Upham. A. Darby.
68. Sackett's Harbor,	William King.
MARK LODGES.	
47. Evening Star,	L. M. Dayton.
64. Sanger,	E. Ames.

MARK LODGES.

REPRESENTATIVES.

66. Tyrian,	N. N. Whiting.
78. Hempsted,	Thomas Lloyd.
83. Fort Ann,	John Moss.

The records of the last session, and doings of the Trustees during the recess, were read.

Comps. JOSEPH ENOS, W. D. MORGAN, and REUBEN H. WALWORTH, were appointed a Committee on the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, and on applications for Warrants.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 6TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT :—Officers and members as before.

The M. E. General Grand High Priest, DEWITT CLINTON, attended by Comps. WADSWORTH and ENOS, was conducted to the E., and received with the customary honors.

The Rev. WILLIAM B. LACEY, Grand Chaplain, then delivered a dignified, learned, and appropriate address, after which he retired; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented to Comp. LACEY for his faithful services the past year, and especially for his address, together with \$25.00.

Comps. ASA FITCH, ESTES HOWE, and NATHANIEL HALL, were appointed a Committee to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and audit the accounts of the Board of Trustees.

A petition from ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER, No. 24, for the privilege of removing to Potsdam, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

The petition of SANGER MARK LODGE, for the privilege of removing to the Town of Denmark, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

A communication was read from GLENS FALLS CHAPTER, No. 55, relating the facts in connection with the granting of

the Warrant to that Chapter, and a note given for a portion of the fees by Comp. ASAHEL CLARK, the note not being paid by Comp. CLARK, he supposing it had been paid by the Chapter, had led to mis-representations with regard to his connection with the matter, at once unmerited and ungenerous, and the Chapter, in order to remove those mis-representations, acknowledged its fault in not paying the note when due, and passed a resolution directing its Treasurer to pay the note without delay.

The communication was received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

A communication was read from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and referred to the Grand Council.

The Royal Arch lecture was given by the Grand Visitors, Comps. WADSWORTH and ENOS.

Resolved, That the furniture of HUDSON MARK LODGE (the Charter having been surrendered) be given to HUDSON CHAPTER.

A petition of HOREB CHAPTER, No. 7, for a donation, was read, and referred to a select Committee consisting of Comps. PAIGE, B. ENOS, FITCH, WELCH, and CLARK.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 7TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The report of the Trustees was received, and referred to the Committee on Grand Secretary and Treasurer's accounts.

The Mark lecture was given by the Grand Visitors, WADSWORTH and ENOS.

A petition for a Mark Lodge at Cherry Valley was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

The Grand Chapter closed on the Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 7TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

A petition of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, was read, and referred to Comps. ENOS, BILLINGS, and GILBERT.

Adjourned until five o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 7TH, FIVE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Petition of N. VAN PATTEN read, and referred to the Committee on Charity.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers with the following result, viz :

M. E.	EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
"	RICHARD HATFIELD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
"	JOSEPH ENOS, JUN.,	Grand King.
"	JOHN BRUSH,	Grand Scribe.
Comp.	EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Grand Secretary.
"	GARRET L. DOX,	Grand Treasurer.
"	WILLIAM B. LACEY,	Grand Chaplain.
"	JOHN BULL,	Grand Marshal.
"	JESSE P. MITCHELL,	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed, and the Grand Chapter adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 8TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

A petition of HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 25, for leave to remove to Greene, was referred to the Committee on Warrants.

A petition of ANNA JONES, for Charity, was referred to the Committee on that subject.

The Committee appointed to consider the petition of HOREB CHAPTER, No. 7, reported as follows:

That they have examined said petition, and have investigated the subject matter upon which said Chapter pray relief, as fully as they were enabled to do the same from information within their power and control.

The facts they have ascertained from such investigation are, that said Chapter from a comparatively small amount of funds, by their prudence, economy, and proper management, have so increased them as to enable them to erect a commodious hall, upon which they have expended about \$1,100.00; that all debts contracted by said Chapter for their furniture, and in erecting said hall have been paid, with the exception of \$100.00 which forms the whole amount of their indebtedness, and it is for a donation of that amount that the said Chapter, by their petition under consideration, pray may be granted them by this Grand Chapter.

From the facts with which your Committee have been made acquainted, they feel it their duty to say that said Chapter merit the warmest approbation of this Grand Chapter for their industry and frugality in the management of their concerns, and for having, in the opinion of your Committee, in all their proceedings as a Chapter, kept in view the best interests of the fraternity.

But, while your Committee are impressed with these sentiments in relation to said Chapter, they cannot hesitate in saying that they do not consider said Chapter to be under circumstances of such embarrassment and necessity as to entitle them to the relief for which they pray.

Your Committee cannot but consider said Chapter in a flourishing and prosperous condition from the circumstances of their having been able to raise and appropriate so large a sum of money in so short a period. Your Committee feel confident that, by a continuance of the exertions of said Chapter, they will be enabled at no very distant day to relieve themselves from their present comparatively small amount of indebtedness.

Your Committee believe that there are but few Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter which are not more or less indebted. And to grant relief in cases not marked by any peculiar circumstances of embarrassment or necessity would open a door for similar claims upon the charity of this Grand Chapter far beyond its means.

Your Committee, for these considerations, would therefore report, that they deem it inexpedient to grant the relief prayed for by the petition of HOREB CHAPTER.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN KEYES PAIGE,
BENJAMIN ENOS,
ASAHEL CLARK,
ASA FITCH.

The report was accepted.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary made the following report, which was accepted :

The Committee appointed to examine the Secretary and Treasurer's books, and the report of the Trustees made at the present session, report :

That they find the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer's books correct, and that the Trustees have made a true statement of the funds, excepting the funds received by the Grand Secretary during the recess and at the present session, which amount to the sum of \$1,360.05.

The Committee further report, that at the last session of the Grand Chapter, Comp. JOHN VAN FOSSEN, then a member of the Legislature from the County of Ontario, appeared as proxy for one of the first officers of RICHMOND CHAPTER, No. 51, and was paid for travel the sum of \$22.00, which was contrary to a standing regulation of this Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary has represented to your Committee that, upon his ascertaining the mistake, he immediately gave notice thereof to Comp. VAN FOSSEN, who replied that he had already reported to said Chapter, and that on his return to Ontario would state the circumstances to said Chapter, and had no doubt they would cheerfully rectify the mistake and refund the money. The Grand Secretary further stated, that he had made inquiry of the present Representative of said Chapter, and learned that Comp. VAN FOSSEN had made no report to said Chapter, or in any manner paid out or accounted to them for said \$22.00.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ASA FITCH,
ESTES HOWE.

The following, it being the annual report of the Trustees of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, was then accepted :

The funds of the Grand Chapter, exclusive of the moneys passing through the hands of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, are as follows :

One hundred and ninety shares Mechanics' and Farmers'	
Bank stock, upon which is paid \$12.00 per share, .	\$2,280 00
Balance in hands of Ezra Ames, including dividends on	
bank stock,	81 30
Uncurrent bills of Niagara Bank,	81 00
Salem Town's note, dated Feb. 6, 1818, \$300.00; three	
years' interest on same, \$63.00,	363 00
C. C. Yates' note and mortgage, dated Feb. 6, 1818, .	5,000 00
Three years' interest on same,	1,050 00
Total,	\$8,805 30

Fifty shares of stock of the Albany Insurance Company, a draft for \$350.00 drawn by C. C. YATES on ISAAC HEMPSTED, and the right of the Grand Chap

ter in the judgment of JOHN F. BACON against C. C. YATES, all of which were mentioned in the report of last year.

Judgment has been obtained in the Supreme Court upon the \$5,000.00 note of C. C. YATES, and the mortgage given to secure the said note is in a train of foreclosure in Chancery. The policy of insurance effected by C. C. YATES upon the buildings situated on the premises described in the said mortgage has expired, and not renewed—the company declining to renew the policy to the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

EZRA AMES,
RICHARD HATFIELD
JOSEPH ENOS,
JOHN BRUSH,
EBENEZER WADSWORTH.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 9TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee on the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, and applications for Warrants, reported as follows:

That the proceedings of the Grand Officers referred to them, are, in their opinion, correct, and ought to be confirmed; and that Warrants ought to be granted as follows:

To Comps. SOLOMON JUDD, BARBER KENYON, and WILLIAM BRIGGS, to hold a Chapter at Otisco, County of Onondaga, by the name of AMBER CHAPTER, No. 69.

To Comps. WILLIAM BALDWIN, HENRY CASE, and MATTHEW VAN VLECK, to hold a Chapter at Salina, County of Onondaga, by the name of SALINA CHAPTER, No. 70.

The Committee report further, that the prayer of the memorialists from ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER, No. 24, for leave to remove to Potsdam, in said County, ought to be granted, so far as relates to the removal, but that it will be improper and unnecessary to alter the Warrant.

That the petition from the Brethren of SANGER MARK LODGE, No. 64, for leave to remove the Lodge from the Town of Martinsburgh, in the County of Lewis, to the Town of Denmark, in said county, ought to be granted.

That the petition for the removal of HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 25, from the Village of Oxford, in the County of Chenango, to the Town of Greene, ought not to be granted.

That the petition of the Brethren of **HEMPSTED MARK LODGE**, for authority to hold an election of officers on the first Thursday of March next, ought not to be granted, said election being unnecessary and inconsistent with the Constitution, and your Committee recommend that they be permitted to continue their work under their former officers until the next annual election prescribed by the Constitution.

With respect to the petition for a Mark Lodge at Cherry Valley, your Committee doubt the propriety of granting a Mark Lodge at that place. The present application is defective, in not being recommended by the nearest Chapter, and your Committee are of opinion the Warrant ought not to be granted.

Your Committee further report, that it hath been represented to them that the Masonic Hall at Auburn, in the County of Cayuga, was destroyed by fire on the 7th day of December, with the Warrant, and furniture of the Chapter to a very large amount. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that a new Warrant be granted to **DAVID'S CHAPTER**, No. 34, without expense; and the names of **DAVID HORNER**, **ZENAS GOODRICH**, and **RICHARD L. SMITH**, be inserted therein, and that \$100.00 be given the Chapter, and paid over to Comp. **DAVID HORNER**.

JOSEPH ENOS.
W. D. MORGAN.
R. H. WALWORTH.

The report was accepted, Warrants ordered to be issued, and the donation recommended by the Committee was granted.

The Committee on the petition of **WESTERN STAR CHAPTER**, No. 35, reported as follows:

The petition states that from circumstances of a very peculiar nature, it was impossible for the said Chapter to furnish the memorialist with funds to pay the dues of said Chapter to this Grand Chapter. It appears that the sum of \$100.00, being the amount of two years' dues, remains unpaid.

The Committee are of opinion that the said Chapter ought not to be suspended until the expiration of six months, during which time the said Chapter may pay its dues, with interest; and if not then paid to the Grand Secretary, that said Chapter from, and after the expiration of said six months, stand suspended.

D. BILLINGS.
E. GILBERT, Jun.
JOSEPH ENOS.

The Committee on Charity made the following report, which was accepted:

The Committee on Charity, to whom was referred several petitions for relief from this Grand Chapter, respectfully report:

That APOLLO CHAPTER, No. 48, at Troy, by the late fire lost their books, records, and funds, and are unable to make correct returns; and the suffering being general among the Brethren and Companions at that place, prays for a remission of its dues for the current year. Your Committee think the prayer of the petition reasonable, and recommend that the same be granted.

Your Committee further report, that Comps. IRA M. WELLS, ASA ANTHONY, HENRY STOCKWELL, and SAMUEL PITCHER, members of APOLLO CHAPTER, No. 48, by the late fire at Troy were reduced from competence to want; and that the Companions above named had, by diligence and economy acquired their property, which has been swept away by one of those unavoidable misfortunes which human foresight or prudence cannot prevent. Your Committee therefore think that the petition of APOLLO CHAPTER, in favor of those Companions, is entitled to the favorable consideration of this Grand Chapter; and your Committee recommend that a donation of \$50.00 be made to each of the said four Companions, and that the Grand Secretary draw orders on the Grand Treasurer for the payment of the same.

Your Committee also recommend a donation of \$10.00 to Miss ANN JONES, the orphan daughter of a deceased Brother, and who is now suffering from a loss of sight.

On the application of Bro. ANDREW N. VAN PATTEN, a sufferer by the late fire at Schenectady, your Committee understand that he has been advanced as far as the degree of Most Excellent Master, and for reasons unknown to your Committee, has not received the seventh degree. Your Committee are also informed that before his loss by the fire, and when he had the means, he did not belong to any Chapter or Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, or the Grand Lodge, or contribute to the charity fund of either. Your Committee therefore cannot recommend any donation to him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. GILBERT, Jun.
R. H. WALWORTH.
W. D. MORGAN.
ASA FITCH.

A petition of LEMUEL GLIDDEN, for a donation, was read, and \$50.00 was granted him.

Comp. WALWORTH proposed the following amendment to the Constitution, in the words following:

That the 3d section of the 1st article, and the 2d section of the 4th article, of the Constitution be so amended as to require a majority of all the members present in the election of officers in this Grand Chapter, and in all Chapters and Lodges under its jurisdiction, agreeably to the provisions of the 6th section of the 1st article of the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That hereafter at the annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, one day thereof shall be exclusively devoted to diffusing light and information in the work and labor in the several degrees in the Chapter, at which meeting

it shall be the duty of every Representative attending this Grand Chapter to attend, unless excused by the Grand Council.

Comp. JOSEPH ENOS reported that he had investigated the proceedings of WARREN CHAPTER, No. 22, referred to him, and found that the said Chapter had conferred the R. A. degree on Comp. FERGUSON, who had received the other degrees in the Chapter at Utica. The High Priest of WARREN CHAPTER stated, in behalf of the Chapter, that it was done inadvertently, and without examining the Constitution, and requests that the Chapter may be excused from censure, as nothing was done intentionally derogatory to the Constitution, or the principles of the institution.

Resolved, That our M. E., Comp. SALEM TOWN, be respectfully requested to deliver before this Grand Chapter, at the next annual meeting thereof, an address embracing the evidence of the antiquity, and illustrative of the ancient history of masonry.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 10TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

A petition from EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 58, was read, and the following in relation thereto was adopted:

Whereas, EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 58, at Ithaca, has represented to this Grand Chapter, that, through the misconduct of its late High Priest, CHARLES BINGHAM, the work of said Chapter has been interrupted; that the Charter is missing, and the installation of the officers duly elected has not taken place, therefore,

Resolved, That Comp. JOSEPH ENOS, Jun., Grand Visitor, attend said EAGLE CHAPTER, install the officers elect, and direct the Chapter to continue its work; and in case the Warrant of said Chapter is not found, to apply for a new Warrant at the next session of this Grand Chapter.

A communication from RISING SUN CHAPTER, setting forth the expulsion of one of its members, JOHN SMITH, was read, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the said communication (in consequence of its being without seal) be returned to the said Chapter by the Grand Secretary, with the reason therefor.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and

EBENEZER WADSWORTH, Grand Visitors of the districts heretofore assigned them.

The Deputy Grand High Priest appointed Comp. GERRITT MORGAN Grand Visitor of the district heretofore assigned Comp. LOWNDS, as Comp. LOWNDS had given him to understand that it would be inconvenient for him to retain that office any longer.

Comp. JOSEPH ENOS, Grand Visitor, made the following report:

Since the last meeting of the Grand Chapter, I have effected a settlement with, and received the returns and dues of, the following bodies to Feb., 1820:

Washington Chapter,	No. 29,	\$19 50
Watertown Chapter,	" 59, (balance)	63 00
Aurora Chapter,	" 64,	51 00
Ogdensburgh Chapter,	" 63,	16 00
Ontario Temple Chapter,	" 66,	16 00
Palmyra Mark Lodge,	" 68,	6 62½
Total receipts,		\$172 12½

I have also visited SACKETT'S HARBOR, NORTHERN CONSTELLATION, and DAVID'S CHAPTERS, and found them well informed, and in a situation to do honor to the institution. Since my visit, the hall of DAVID'S CHAPTER has been unfortunately destroyed by fire.

I visited, for the purpose of effecting a settlement with SCIPIO MARK LODGE, but could not convene the Lodge on account of the absence of the officers. One of the members promised to have the Lodge convened and the settlement made, but it has not been done. I visited EAGLE CHAPTER, and found the Companions of that Chapter in an unfortunate and unpleasant situation, they having been under the disagreeable necessity of expelling their High Priest, CHARLES BINGHAM.

With regard to ONONDAGA CHAPTER, I have not yet obtained any settlement.

Time spent in attending the above business, twenty-two days.

Which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH ENOS,
Grand Visitor.

The report was accepted, and the Trustees were authorized to audit and settle the account of JOSEPH ENOS, Grand Visitor.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the proceedings had in the Mark degree this session be confirmed.

Resolved, That the following Chapters be considered as constitutionally in

default, and liable to the penalties prescribed by the Constitution, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to each by the Grand Secretary.

3. Phoenix	Chapter,	. . . . .	New York.
4. Washington	"	. . . . .	Stillwater.
33. Orange	"	. . . . .	Minisink.
41. Washington	"	. . . . .	Warwick.
42. Elmira	"	. . . . .	Elmira.
52. Jerusalem Temple	Chapter,	. . . . .	Newburg.
54. Eagle	"	. . . . .	New York.
61. Clinton	"	. . . . .	Carmel.

Resolved, That all Mark Lodges which are two years in arrears for dues be considered constitutionally in default, and subject to the penalties of the Constitution, and that the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of this resolution to the said Mark Lodges.

Resolved, That TRINITY MARK LODGE, No. 40, in the City of New York, have until the next session of the Grand Chapter to pay its arrears for dues.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to communicate to the High Priests of the several Chapters nearest to such Chapters and Mark Lodges respectively, as have been before this session declared to be, and still are, constitutionally in default, and request him to call upon such Companions as are in possession of their Warrants, funds, and furniture, of such delinquent Chapter or Lodge, to surrender the same for the use of this Grand Chapter, and in case of refusal that such High Priest report the same to this Grand Chapter, that such Companions may be dealt with accordingly.

The following was adopted:

Whereas, CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, former Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, is indebted thereto in a large amount for moneys by him used and appropriated, in violation of his duty to this Grand Chapter as an officer thereof, and

Whereas, The said C. C. YATES refuses to comply with the just and liberal proposals of this Grand Chapter, in relation either to the payment or security of said debt, and to such refusal adds contempt of the authority and abuse of the character of this Grand Chapter, therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to summon the said C. C. YATES to appear at the next annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, to show cause why he should not be expelled from the masonic fraternity.

Resolved, That ASAHEL CLARK, JOSEPH YORK, and L. BILLINGS, be a Committee to prepare charges and specifications against Comp. CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, to be served upon him by the Grand Secretary with the summons aforesaid.

The Committee appointed pursuant to the above resolution prepared and presented charges and specifications against Comp. C. C. YATES.

The communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, relative to one DAVID VINTON, which was referred to the Grand Council, was reported on by the Deputy Grand High Priest, who had made inquiry in reference to the matter, and who stated some circumstances concerning the conduct of said VINTON; thereupon, on motion of Comp. WALWORTH, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary communicate to the several Chapters and Lodges under this jurisdiction, that DAVID VINTON is not considered by the Grand Chapter in regular standing, or entitled to the countenance and support of Masons, and all Companions and Brethren under this jurisdiction are forbidden to hold any masonic intercourse with him.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be communicated by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and the General Grand Chapter, and to the several State Grand Chapters.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed \$100.00 for his services the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the Deputy Grand Secretary be allowed \$3.00 per day for his four days' services during this session.

Resolved, That the Grand Sentinel, JESSE P. MITCHELL, be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services during the session, and \$8.15 for preparing the hall, etc.

Resolved, That Temple Chapter be allowed \$25.00 for the use of its hall and furniture this session.

Resolved, That Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., receive \$2.00 per day in addition to his usual allowance for his attendance as Grand Marshal.

The Grand Chapter was then closed.

EBENEZER WADSWORTH,
Grand Secretary.

1822.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, and opened on the Mark degree, February 5th, A.: L.: 5822.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD HATFIELD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH ENOS,	Grand King.
" JOHN BRUSH,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT L. DOX,	Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM B. LACEY,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, JUN.,	Grand Marshal.
" JESSE P. MITCHELL,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: SAMUEL EDMONDS,	P.: D.: G.: H.: P.:
" ASA FITCH,	P.: G.: K.:
" ELISHA GILBERT, JUN.,	P.: G.: K.:
" ADONIAH SKINNER,	P.: G.: S.:
" AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	P.: G.: S.:

The following Representatives and Proxies of Chapters produced the necessary vouchers, and took their seats as members:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Richard Hatfield.
4. Montgomery,	M. Smith.
5. Temple,	Estes Howe. James McKeever. Thomas Ennis.
6. Hudson,	John W. Edmonds.
7. Horeb,	N. Caulking.
10. Federal,	Asa Fitch.
13. Lebanon,	Josiah Waite. William S. Herrick. Elias Gates.
16. Rising Sun,	Silas Lyon.
19. Fredonian,	B. W. Peck.
21. New Concord,	L. L. Wooster. John Merriman. E. Herrick.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
22. Warren,	Jonathan H. Bartlett.
23. Warren,	Jonathan Edgcomb.
24. St. Lawrence,	Robert McChesney.
25. Harmony,	John Noyes.
26. Otsego,	H. Luce.
27. Herkimer,	James Byers.
28. Northern Constellation,	E. Brownson.
29. Washington,	Joseph Crofoot. Jabez B. Phelps. Nathan Gillet.
30. John the Baptist,	Cyrus Powers.
31. Solomon,	John Brush.
32. Washington,	E. Wallace.
34. David's,	David Horner.
35. Western Star,	Wyllys Buel.
36. Geneva,	Richard Hogarth.
37. Williams,	Nathaniel Hall.
38. Sherburne,	A. C. Welch.
39. Plattsburgh,	William Swetland.
42. Elmira,	H. W. Atkins.
44. Delphi,	Benjamin Enos.
45. Montgomery,	A. Matthews.
47. New Jerusalem,	John R. Drake.
48. Apollo,	Samuel Pitcher.
49. Washington,	Solomon Placa. Simon Kittle. John S. Wright.
50. Cyrus,	Joseph Enos, ——— Morse.
53. Hiram Union,	J. G. Van Deusen.
55. Glens Falls,	Asahel Clark. James White. Nathan A. Wells.
56. Friendship,	L. Hotchkiss. J. Blanchard. R. Adams.
57. Cyrus,	Amos Curtiss. John K. Paige.
59. Watertown,	Isaac Lee.
60. Bethlehem,	Gideon Coggeshall. William G. Mead.
62. Hamilton,	William Cobb.
63. Ogdensburgh,	Silvester Gilbert.
65. Sullivan,	L. Billings.
66. Ontario Temple,	Aaron Ackley.
67. Western Sun,	John Dexter.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
68. Sackett's Harbor, . . .	John Clitz.
70. Salina,	John Hodgson.

M. M. LODGES.

47. Evening Star,	John J. Frisbee.
69. Gilboa,	F. Patchen.
78. Hempsted,	Thomas Lloyd.

The Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace.

The Grand High Priest gave notice that he had waited on the M. E., DEWITT CLINTON, General Grand High Priest, who expressed a wish to be present when the Grand Chaplain's address should be delivered, but that his official duties in the civil administration of the State Government rendered it impossible for him to attend at this time.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered an eloquent, learned, and appropriate, address, for which the thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered, together with the sum of \$25.00.

The records of the last meeting were read.

Comps. JOSEPH ENOS, BENJAMIN W. PECK, and ASA FITCH, were appointed a Committee on the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, and applications for Warrants.

Comps. ELISHA GILBERT, JUN., SILAS LYON, and NATHANIEL HALL, were appointed a Committee on Charity.

Several petitions for Warrants for Chapters were referred to the Committee on Warrants.

A petition of HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 25, for the privilege of removing to Norwich, was referred to the same Committee.

A petition of RISING SUN CHAPTER, No. 16, was referred to Comps. ASAHCL CLARK, JOHN K. PAIGE, LIVINGSTON BILLINGS, JNO. W. EDMONDS, and R. HATFIELD.

A petition of SAMUEL LEE was read, and referred to the Committee on Charity.

Wednesday, the sixth instant, at ten o'clock A. M., was appointed as the time to take into consideration the charges and specifications now on file against CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, and the Grand Secretary was directed forthwith to serve notice of such action on the said YATES.

Comps. ASAHCL CLARK, WILLIAM SWETLAND, and JOHN K.

PAIGE, were appointed a Committee on the part of the Grand Chapter to manage the prosecution against Comp. CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, upon charges preferred against him at the last session of the Grand Chapter.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 5TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 6TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met on the Mark degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

A memorial of SACKETT'S HARBOR CHAPTER, No. 68, relative to the loss of its Warrant, was read and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

A petition of NEW CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 21, for an extension of jurisdiction, was read, and referred to the Committee of which Comp. ASAHEL CLARK is chairman.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 6TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had served the notice on Comp. YATES as directed.

Comp. YATES attended and declared himself ready for the investigation of the charges against him, whereupon it was

Resolved, That Comps. ASAHEL CLARK, JOHN K. PAIGE, and WILLIAM SWETLAND, be appointed a Committee in the case of the late Treasurer, CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, and that they retire with Comp. YATES and take such testimony as they think fit, and that they have power to summon witnesses and obtain all papers in the custody of the Grand Chapter, and that the Committee report the testimony which they may take of the facts.

The Royal Arch lecture was given by M.: E.: RICHARD HATFIELD and Comp. JOSEPH ENOS, Grand Visitor.

The case of Comp. JOHN VAN FOSSEN, for receiving pay for travel to which he was not entitled, was referred to the Trustees to take such measures as they may deem proper.

The Grand Secretary was directed to audit and pay Comp. AMES' bill for jewels and furniture.

A remonstrance against the extension of the jurisdiction of NEW CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 21, was read, and referred to the Committee of which Comp. ASAHEL CLARK is chairman.

Comps. JOHN W. EDMONDS, JONATHAN EDGCOMB, and SILAS LYON, were appointed a Committee to examine the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, and the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and report whether the latter is, or is not, in conflict with the former, and propose any amendments they may deem proper.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 6TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers, with the following result, viz:

M. E., EZRA AMES, of Albany, . . .	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD HATFIELD, of New York, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH ENOS, of Eaton, . . .	Grand King.
" JOHN BRUSH, of Poughkeepsie, . . .	Grand Scribe.
Comp. EBENEZER WADSWORTH, of Brainard's Bridge,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT L. DOX, of Albany, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM B. LACEY, of Albany, . .	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun., of New Lebanon, .	Grand Marshal.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed.

Comp. ASA ANTHONY, one of the sufferers by the late fire at Troy, presented a petition for assistance, which was referred to the Committee on Charity.

A petition of AURORA CHAPTER, No. 64, praying for a remission of dues, was read, and referred to Comps. JOSEPH ENOS, Jun., ELISHA GILBERT, Jun., and L. BILLINGS.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 7TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The High Priest of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER was authorized to erase the figures 33 from the Warrant of said Chapter, it having been inserted by mistake—35 being the proper number of the Chapter—which he was directed to enter on the said Warrant.

A petition of HOREB CHAPTER, No. 7, for permission to hold its meetings alternately at Westmoreland and Whitestown, was referred to the Committee of which Comp. ASAHEL CLARK is chairman.

The Committee on the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, and applications for Warrants, and other matters referred to it, reported that the proceedings of the Grand Officers had been correct, and that Warrants ought to be granted to the following Chapters, viz:

To Comps. HEMAN B. POTTER, CHARLES TOWNSEND, and JOHN A. LASSELL, to hold a Chapter at Buffalo, County of Erie, by the name of NIAGARA CHAPTER, No. 71.

To Comps. GEORGE HARMON, SAMUEL MOTT, and GUY FOX, to hold a Chapter at Manlius, County of Onondaga, by the name of MANLIUS CHAPTER, No. 72.

To Comps. SOLOMON WARNER, HEMAN KELSEY, and WILLIAM BEACH, to hold a Chapter at Unadilla, County of Otsego, by the name of UNADILLA CHAPTER, No. 73.

To Comps. LEVI BEARDSLEY, ILLUSTRIOUS REMINGTON, and DAVID WOODBURN, to hold a Chapter at Cherry Valley, County of Otsego, by the name of CHERRY VALLEY CHAPTER, No. 74.

The Committee also reported in favor of granting the petition of HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 25, to remove to Norwich, in the County of Chenango, and that, in consequence of the loss of the Warrant of SACKETT'S HARBOR CHAPTER, No. 68, a new one be granted to the said Chapter without expense.

The Committee appointed to examine and compare the Constitutions of the General Grand Chapter and this Grand Chap-

ter, reported that, in their opinion, there was nothing in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter that required any amendments to be made to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 7TH, ELEVEN o'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Mark degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The M.: E., DEWITT CLINTON, visited the Grand Chapter, and was received with the accustomed honors.

Comp. SALEM TOWN, in pursuance of a resolution adopted last session, then delivered a learned and interesting discourse on the evidence of the antiquity and illustrative of the ancient history of masonry.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered to Comp. TOWN for his address, and Comps. HALL and PITCHER were appointed a Committee to communicate the same.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due form on the Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 7TH, THREE o'clock P. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to consider the petitions of HOREB CHAPTER, No. 7, RISING SUN CHAPTER, No. 16, and NEW CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 21, reported as follows.

That they have had the same under consideration and deem it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners. The Committee have no doubt that the measure wished for would be at once convenient to the respective Chapters and their members, and would for a time, at least, conduce to the increase of the funds of this Grand Chapter; but if these applications should be granted their number would greatly increase at our sessions, for other Chapters are doubtless similarly situated and are equally anxious to increase their funds—permission being granted to one Chapter to hold its meetings

alternately at one place and another, a precedent would be established which the Committee are fully persuaded would tend to great confusion, and very much impair the harmony of the fraternity, by rendering the limits of the respective subordinate Chapters uncertain and vacillating, by enabling one Chapter to encroach upon the rights of another, and by creating an unma-sonic rivalry between Chapters which do not, and from their situation cannot, enjoy the same privileges.

If any Chapter should wish to be removed to a more business place, and where it would be in a more flourishing condition, the Constitution points out the course to be pursued. But to permit Chapters to fluctuate from one location to another, and monopolize in any measure, would not only be the cause of the evils above mentioned, but would prevent the creation of new Chapters, thereby lessening the resources of the Grand Chapter.

For these considerations, the Committee beg leave to report, that the applications ought not to be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ASAHEL CLARK,
JOHN KEYES PAIGE,
LIVINGSTON BILLINGS,
JOHN W. EDMONDS,
RICHARD HATFIELD.

Adjourned until seven o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 7TH, SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter was opened on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Secretary reported the following Chapters as delinquent, viz:

Phoenix,	No. 3,	. . . . .	New York,	8 years.
St. Andrew's,	" 14,	. . . . .	Stamford,	2 "
Onondaga,	" 20,	. . . . .	Onondaga,	8 "
Orange,	" 33,	. . . . .	Minisink,	4 "
Washington,	" 41,	. . . . .	Florida,	5 "
Jerusalem Temple,	" 52,	. . . . .	Newburgh,	4 "

And the following Mark Lodges only in good standing:

Trinity,	No. 40,	. . . . .	New York.
Evening Star,	" 47,	. . . . .	Rensselaerville.
Sanger,	" 64,	. . . . .	Martinsburgh.
Tyrian,	" 66,	. . . . .	Schenectady.
Gilboa,	" 69,	. . . . .	Blenheim.
Hempsted,	" 78,	. . . . .	Bethlehem.
Zion,	" 81,	. . . . .	Bath.
Fort Ann,	" 83,	. . . . .	Fort Ann.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to labor on the Mark degree, and when the ceremonies of advancing a candidate were duly performed, it adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 8TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Resolved, That it shall hereafter be the duty of the Grand Secretary, as soon as convenient after each and every session of this Grand Chapter, to cause to be printed and distributed to each subordinate Lodge and Chapter, a report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter at such session, so far as the same may be obligatory upon the subordinate Lodges and Chapters, together with a list of the present and Past Grand Officers attending thereat, and a list of the Chapters represented, and the Companions by whom represented; and that the Trustees audit the account of the Grand Secretary for his expenses in so doing.

The Trustees made the following report, viz:

The funds of the Grand Chapter, exclusive of the moneys received at this session, are as follows:

One hundred and ninety shares of Mechanics' and Farmers' bank stock, on which has been paid \$12.00 per share,	\$2,280 00
Balance in hands of the Grand High Priest, in which is included the dividends on bank stock,	539 35
Uncurrent bills of Niagara Bank,	31 00
Note of Salem Town, dated Feb. 6, 1818,	300 00
Four years' interest on the same,	84 00
Note and mortgage of Christopher C. Yates, dated Feb. 6, 1818,	5,000 00
Four years' interest on the same,	1,400 00
Total,	<u>\$9,634 35</u>

Fifty shares of the stock of the Albany Insurance Co., held as collateral security from C. C. YATES, as mentioned in former reports.

C. C. YATES' order on ISAAC HEMPSTED, heretofore reported.

The same report is made as last year with reference to the note and mortgage of C. C. YATES; and also in regard to the renewal of the policy of insurance on the mortgaged property.

EZRA AMES.
 RICHARD HATFIELD.
 JOHN BRUSH.
 EBENEZER WADSWORTH.
 GERRIT L. DOX.
 JOSEPH ENOS.

The Committee appointed to consider the petition of AURORA CHAPTER, No. 64, reported that the Chapter had erected a hall, for which it was largely in debt, and that a few members of the Chapter were obliged to bear the burden of the debt; and, although convinced that subordinate Chapters ought not to be encouraged in incurring debts beyond their means of payment, the Committee concluded to recommend that the dues of the said Chapter, for the year ending in February last, be remitted, such dues amounting to \$47.87.

The report was received, and it was

Resolved, That AURORA CHAPTER have leave to withdraw its petition, and have liberty to work until the next session of the Grand Chapter, without forfeiture of Charter or payment of dues.

The Committee on Charity reported in favor of granting relief, as follows:

To Comp. ASA ANTHONY, \$20.00, and Bro. SAMUEL LEE, \$15.00.

Comp. JOSEPH ENOS, Grand Visitor, made the following report:

Pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Chapter adopted at the last session, respecting EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 58, I visited said Chapter in January last. The Warrant had not been found, and I could obtain no more information in regard to it than was stated in Grand Chapter last year. The seal and part of the papers of the Chapter have been found, and are in possession of the Chapter. In conformity with the resolution above referred to, I then installed CHARLES HUMPHREY, H. P., HENRY TAYLOR, K., and EBENEZER MACK, S., of said Chapter; and from their respectable standing in society and among their Companions, I have no doubt the Chapter will, in a short time, become a very useful branch of this Grand Chapter. The Chapter, from its unfortunate situation, requests a suspension of dues until the next session of the Grand Chapter, and that a new Warrant may be granted it. My expenses were paid by the said Chapter.

I also visited Comp. NEEDHAM, former High Priest of ONONDAGA CHAPTER, No. 20, for the purpose of obtaining the Warrant and property of the Chapter, which appeared from his statement to be in the hands of several of the old members of the Chapter, and that some of the furniture was loaned to SALINA CHAPTER, No. 70. Comp. NEEDHAM engaged to collect the furniture, jewels, books, etc., as soon as possible, and transmit the same to me. He stated that some of the Companions and several very respectable Brethren of the Master's Lodge had expressed a wish to have the Chapter revived, and re-

quested me to make this statement in their behalf to the Grand Chapter, and if the Chapter could be revived on payment of their dues they would be highly gratified.

The report was received, and it was

Resolved, That EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 58, have until the next session of the Grand Chapter to pay its dues, and that the Grand Secretary furnish the said Chapter a new Charter, without expense, instead of the one first granted, which is lost.

The following resolution was offered, and action thereon postponed until the next session:

Resolved, That ONONDAGA CHAPTER, No. 20, be permitted to resume its work, on the payment of its dues and the expenses of the Grand Visitor.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 8TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

An amendment was proposed to the Constitution, making the second Tuesday of January the time for the annual meeting, instead of the first Tuesday of February.

Resolved, That the proceedings in the Mark degree be, and the same are hereby approved.

Comp. ASAHEL CLARK, from the Committee on the charges preferred against Comp. C. C. YATES, made a report of their investigation of the said charges, whereupon

Resolved, That Comps. ASAHEL CLARK, WILLIAM SWETLAND, and JOHN W. EDMONDS, arrange the charges and specifications against Comp. CHRISTOPHER C. YATES for investigation, and report at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

The ceremony of conferring the degree of M.: E.: M.: was then performed, after which the Grand Chapter adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 9TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to arrange the charges and specifications against Comp. CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, for investigation, submitted a report.

Whereupon, after some discussion, it was

Resolved, That the further consideration of the charges and specifications against Comp. YATES, and the reports of the committees thereon, be postponed to the next annual meeting of this Grand Chapter; and that, in the meantime, the Trustees be fully empowered to negotiate and settle at their discretion the claims of this Grand Chapter against Comp. YATES.

The Grand Secretary was directed to furnish Comp. YATES certified copies of the reports made by the Committee of which Comp. CLARK was chairman, relative to the charges and specifications against said YATES.

The Grand Council, to whom was referred the communication of Comp. ROBERT MCCHESENEY, H. P. of ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER, No. 24, complaining of OGDENSBURGH CHAPTER, No. 63, for initiating candidates who resided in the vicinity of the former Chapter, decided that the proper vicinity of a Chapter is the town where it is holden; and candidates who reside in towns where no Chapter is holden, may constitutionally be initiated in the Chapter situated at the place where the business of the candidate usually calls him.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. RICHARD HATFIELD, EBENEZER WADSWORTH, and JOSEPH ENOS, JUN., Grand Visitors of the several districts within which they respectively reside.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed \$100.00 for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the Deputy Grand Secretary, BENJAMIN ENOS, be allowed \$2.00 per day for his services during the session.

Resolved, That the Grand Sentinel, JESSE P. MITCHELL, be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services during the session.

Resolved, That TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, be allowed \$30.00 for the use of its hall and furniture this session.

Resolved, That Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., receive \$2.00 per day in addition to his wages for his attendance as Grand Marshal.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be allowed \$2.00 per day in addition to his constitutional allowance for his attendance at the meeting of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That \$3.00 be allowed to each of the Trustees who shall attend at the meetings after the adjournment of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was then closed.

EBENEZER WADSWORTH,
Grand Secretary.

1823.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, and opened on the Mark degree, February 4th, 5823.

PRESENT:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH ENOS,	Grand King.
" JOHN BRUSH,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRITT L. DOX,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN BULL, JUN.,	Grand Marshal.
" CHARLES HEWITT,	as Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. ASA FITCH,	P. G. K.
" ELISHA GILBERT,	P. G. K.
" DANIEL HALE,	P. G. K.
" ADONIAH SKINNER,	P. G. S.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.
" AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	P. G. S.

The following Representatives and Proxies produced the necessary vouchers, and took their seats as members:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Alexander Fraser.
3. Phoenix,	Asa Hall.
4. Montgomery,	George Palmer. H. Knickerbocker.
5. Temple,	Jonathan Eights. John O. Cole. William Esleek.
6. Hudson,	John W. Edmonds.
7. Horeb,	Isaac G. Stratton. King Strong.
10. Federal,	Asa Fitch.
13. Lebanon,	W. S. Herrick. H. Pierce. J. Gillet.
16. Rising Sun,	Paul Lamson.
19. Fredonian,	B. W. Peck.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
21. New Concord,	A. F. Hayden. E. Herrick.
22. Warren,	Almon Luce.
23. Warren,	W. A. Clark.
24. St. Lawrence,	William Stowell.
25. Harmony,	John Noyes.
26. Otsego,	Edward B. Crandal.
27. Herkimer,	Horace Morse.
28. Northern Constellation, .	Ebenezer Miner.
29. Washington,	Luther Nichols. Joseph Crofoot.
31. Solomon,	John Brush.
34. David's,	David Horner.
35. Western Star,	Orange Risdon.
36. Geneva,	Roger Haschall.
38. Sherburne,	R. Clark. John Johnson.
39. Plattsburgh,	Alexander McCotter.
44. Delphi,	Benjamin Enos. R. W. Allen.
45. Montgomery,	A. Mather. J. Cuyler.
48. Apollo,	D. H. Stone.
49. Washington,	Simon Kittle.
51. Richmond,	John Brownall.
53. Hiram Union,	Noah Cook. John G. Van Deusen. J. Eigenbrodt.
54. Eagle,	William F. Piatt.
55. Glens Falls,	James White.
56. Friendship,	J. Blanchard.
57. Cyrus,	Amos Curtis. I. M. Schemerhorn. John Keyes Paige.
57. Oneida,	Ezra S. Cozier.
59. Watertown,	Orville Hungerford.
62. Hamilton,	Ezra Platt.
65. Sullivan,	L. Billings.
66. Ontario Temple,	N. G. Chesbro.
67. Western Sun,	Asahel Derby.
69. Amber,	B. Kinyon.
70. Salina,	John Hodgson.
71. Niagara,	Charles Townsend.
72. Manlius,	Samuel Mott.
73. Unadilla,	Isaac Hays. Stephen Stillwell. Levi Nash.

The Grand Chaplain not being present, Comp. the Rev. Wm. A. CLARK, of WARREN CHAPTER, No. 23, addressed the Throne of Grace.

The records of the last session were read.

The following Committees were appointed:

Comps. JOSEPH ENOS, BENJAMIN CHAMBERLIN, and WILLIAM F. PIATT, on the report of the Grand High Priest, and applications for Warrants.

Comps. ELISHA GILBERT, BENJAMIN W. PECK, and JOHN K. PAIGE, on Charity.

The Grand High Priest made his official report, which was referred to the Committee on that subject.

The report of the Deputy Grand High Priest was read, and referred to the same Committee.

A communication was read from Comp. JOEL HART, P.: D.: G.: H.: P.:, concerning the fees for the Charter of EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 54, which was referred to the Committee of which Comp. JOSEPH ENOS is chairman.

A petition for a Chapter at Johnstown, Montgomery County, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 4TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Petitions for Chapters at Palmyra, Ontario County, and Bainbridge, in the County of Chenango, were read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

A petition of SHERBURNE CHAPTER, No. 38, to change its name to "NEW BERLIN" was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result, viz:

M. E. EZRA AMES, Albany,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD HATFIELD, New York,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH ENOS, Eaton,	Grand King.
" JOHN BRUSH, Poughkeepsie,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. EBEN. WADSWORTH, Brainard's Bridge,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT L. DOX, Albany,	Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM A. CLARK, Ballston Spa,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun., New Lebanon,	Grand Marshal.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed, excepting the Deputy Grand High Priest, who was not present.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comp. CHARLES HEWETT Grand Sentinel.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 5TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Mark degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Mark lecture was given by the Grand Visitors.

The following, offered by Comp. JOHN K. PAIGE, was referred to a Committee consisting of Comps. JOHN K. PAIGE, A. F. HAYDEN, and ASA HALL:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of revoking and annulling the Warrants of all Mark Lodges held under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, at the same place, or in the immediate neighborhood of Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was then closed on the Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 5TH, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Royal Arch lecture was given by the Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 5TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee on the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests' reports, and applications for Warrants, made a report as follows:

That they had examined the proceedings of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, and found them correct; and that the following Charters ought to be granted:

To Comps. JOHN SUDAM, SETH COUCH, and ABRAHAM MYRE, to hold a Chapter at Kingston, County of Ulster, by the name of MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 75.

To Comps. LEVERETT BARKER, ELIJAH KIRBY, JUN., and PHILO ORTON, to hold a Chapter at Pomfret, Chautauqua County, by the name of FOREST CHAPTER, No. 76.

To Comps. HENRY TAYLOR, NICOLL HALSEY, and LYMAN TROWBRIDGE, to hold a Chapter at Trumansburgh, County of Tompkins, by the name of FIDELITY CHAPTER, No. 77.

To Comps. BENJAMIN CHAMBERLIN, JOSEPH CUYLER, and HENRY CUNNINGHAM, to hold a Chapter at Johnstown, County of Montgomery, by the name of JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER, No. 78.

To Comps. ADDISON N. BUCK, HENRY I. MOORE, and SETH TUCKER, to hold a Chapter at Palmyra, County of Ontario, by the name of PALMYRA EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 79.

To Comps. JOSEPH B. YOUNGS, HARVEY BISHOP, and WILLIAM WHEELER, to hold a Chapter at South Bainbridge, County of Chenango, by the name of BAINBRIDGE CHAPTER, No. 80.

The Committee also report in favor of granting the petition of SHERBURNE CHAPTER, No. 88, to change its name to "NEW BERLIN."

Also against granting a Warrant for a Mark Lodge at Buckville, in the County of Cayuga.

Also that it is inexpedient to accept the notes referred to in the communication of Comp. JOEL HART, relative to EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 54.

JOSEPH ENOS,
B. CHAMBERLIN,
W. F. PIATT.

The report was accepted and adopted, except that part granting a Warrant to PALMYRA EAGLE CHAPTER, the recommendation of ONTARIO TEMPLE CHAPTER being without a seal, and it was

Resolved, That a Warrant be granted to the said Chapter, and remain in the hands of the Grand High Priest until the recommendation of ONTARIO TEMPLE CHAPTER shall be produced to him properly authenticated.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 6TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

A petition of ROSWELL HOLCOMB was read, and referred to the Committee on Charity.

Comp. PAIGE, from the Committee on Mark Lodges, made the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions therein mentioned adopted:

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of annulling the Warrants of Mark Lodges held under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, in the vicinity of Royal Arch Chapters, beg leave to report:

That they have taken the subject into consideration, and they find that, by the 1st section of the 8d article of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, the right of revoking and annulling Warrants is vested in the Grand Chapter whenever it is deemed expedient to exercise that right.

They also find that there are in the State only two Mark Lodges situated at the same place with Chapters, and which the adoption of the proposed resolution would affect.

Connected with this subject, your Committee beg leave to state that they are impressed with the belief that the encouragement of Mark Lodges separate from Royal Arch Chapters, particularly in the vicinity of Chapters, is inconsistent with the best interests of masonry, and destructive of that harmony and good fellowship which ought to prevail among the members of our fraternity.

Your Committee have understood that many members of separate Mark Lodges have at the same time been members of Chapters. This they deem inconsistent with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, if not directly, virtually so, inasmuch as the Constitution prohibits Brethren and Companions from being members at the same time of different bodies of the same grade. Every Chapter comprises a Mark Lodge, and the business of a Chapter, although transacted in a higher degree, affects the Mark as in the election of officers of a Chapter, so that Masons who are members of a separate Mark Lodge and a Chapter at the same time are, by your Committee, considered as members of two bodies of the same grade.

Your Committee do not, under all the circumstances which have been weighed by them, deem it expedient, at present, to annul Warrants of Mark Lodges in the vicinity of Chapters, but they consider it right and proper

that an expression of the sentiments of the Grand Chapter, should be fully obtained.

They would therefore submit for the consideration of the Grand Chapter the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed, as soon as convenient, to request, as the wish of this Grand Chapter, of every Mark Lodge under its jurisdiction, held at the same place or in the immediate neighborhood of a Royal Arch Chapter, the surrender of its Warrant.

Resolved, That hereafter no Warrants for separate Mark Lodges be granted, except with a provision that the same shall be revoked and annulled whenever a Warrant for a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be granted to hold a Chapter at the same place, or in the immediate neighborhood of such Mark Lodge.

Resolved, That all Mark Lodges constitutionally in default for non-payment of dues be forthwith required to surrender their Warrants unconditionally.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN KEYES PAIGE,
ASA HALL,
AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN.

The Trustees reported the following items as the funds of the Grand Chapter:

Two hundred and fifty-nine shares stock Mechanics' and	
Farmers' Bank, on which \$12.00 per share is paid,	\$ 3,108 00
Deposited in said bank,	123 14
Uncurrent bills Niagara Bank,	31 00
Salem Town's note, Feb. 6, 1818,	300 00
Five years' interest on same,	105 00
C. C. Yates' mortgage,	5,000 00
Five years interest thereon,	1,750 00
Total,	\$10,417 14

Also, C. C. YATES' draft on ISAAC HEMPSTED for \$350.00, and fifty shares stock in the Albany Insurance Company, on which is paid \$150.00, held as collateral security.

The Trustees also report that the buildings upon the mortgaged premises were insured last year. The mortgage is foreclosing in chancery, and ejectments are depending in the Supreme Court to recover possession of the premises. The cause will be tried at the next Circuit in Albany. The Trustees entertain a hope that the demand against C. C. YATES may eventually be collected. In addition to the above is a demand against JOEL HART, late Deputy Grand High Priest, for the fee received for the Dispensation granted to EAGLE CHAPTER, in the City of New York, amounting to \$60.00, together with six years' interest, making a total of \$85.20.

EZRA AMES.
JOSEPH ENOS,
JOHN BRUSH,
EBENEZER WADSWORTH,
GERRIT L. DOX.

The Grand Council rendered the following decision :

That a Companion cannot, consistently with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, be at the same time a member of a separate Mark Lodge, and of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

The decision was approved by the Grand Chapter, and ordered to be promulgated by the Grand Secretary.

A complaint was made by Comp. LIVINGSTON BILLINGS against Comp. DANIEL PARKER, P.: H.: P.: of a Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, which was referred to a Committee, which reported as follows :

It appears to your Committee that, within the last year, Comp. PARKER has procured to be published and has offered publicly for sale, certain printed pamphlets purporting to be the lectures on the several degrees in masonry. Your Committee are of opinion that such publication is a violation of every principle of masonry, and subversive of the best interests thereof. Your Committee have prepared resolutions which they deem proper to be adopted in the premises, which they beg leave to submit.

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary cite the said DANIEL PARKER to appear before the Grand Chapter on the first day of the next annual meeting, to show cause why he should not be expelled for unmasonic conduct in the premises. And further, that the Grand Secretary furnish said PARKER with a copy of these resolutions.

2. *Resolved*, That it shall not be lawful for any Companion or Brother under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, to write, print, or publish, or cause to be written, printed, or published, any book or books, or anything on the subject of masonry, without the permission and approbation of the Grand Council.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of these resolutions to every subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and a like copy to each Grand Chapter in the United States.

L. BILLINGS,
B. CHAMBERLIN.

The resolution adopted at the annual meeting of 1821, requiring the appropriation exclusively of one day for work and labor on the several degrees, was repealed, and every evening during the session, excepting the one on which the degree of High Priest should be conferred, was set apart for the purpose.

The Grand Secretary was directed to publish, within three months of the annual meeting, such portions of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter as the Grand Council should direct, and

transmit copies of the same to the several subordinate Chapters and Lodges in the jurisdiction.

A Committee consisting of Comps. LIVINGSTON BILLINGS, BENJAMIN CHAMBERLIN, and SAMUEL PITCHER, was appointed to make further investigation as to the matter contained in the charges against Comp. C. C. YATES, with their opinion thereon, and report at the next session.

A petition of Comp. LYON, for charity, was read, and referred to the Committee on Charity.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 6TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

A resolution proposed at the last session providing to restore the Warrant of ONONDAGA CHAPTER, No. 20, which was laid over until this session, was then taken up, and, after due consideration, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That inasmuch as there have been four Warrants granted for Chapters in the same county since ONONDAGA CHAPTER made a return, the said Chapter is constitutionally in default, and ought not to be re-instated.

In response to a resolution of inquiry, the Grand Council decided that no one could be exalted to the degree of R.: A.: M.:, in any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, without paying \$16.00, at least, into the treasury thereof, and for the degree of Mark Master, whether in Lodge or Chapter, not less than \$4.00, agreeably to the 5th section of the 4th article of the Constitution.

The proceedings had in the Mark degree this session were duly confirmed.

The Committee on Charity made the following report:

That as the circumstances of Comp. LYON appear to be particularly distressing, inasmuch as he is almost entirely destitute of clothing, and has at present no visible means of procuring any, or even a livelihood, they therefore particularly recommend that \$50.00 be donated to him from the funds of the Grand Chapter.

Your Committee further report that, as Comp. HOLCOMB appears to be

worthy, and at the same time unfortunate, they would therefore recommend that a donation of \$15.00 be made to him.

The report was accepted, and, after substituting *thirty* instead of *fifteen* as the donation to Comp. HOLCOMB, was adopted.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 7TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Secretary reported the following Chapters and Mark Lodges delinquent as to the payment of dues:

La Fayette Chapter,	No. 9,	. . . . .	2 years.
St. Andrew's, "	" 14,	. . . . .	3 "
Orange, "	" 33,	. . . . .	5 "
Mount Hope, "	" 40,	. . . . .	2 "
Washington, "	" 41,	. . . . .	6 "
North East, "	" 46,	. . . . .	2 "
Cyrus, "	" 50,	. . . . .	2 "
Sanger Mark Lodge.			
Fort Ann "			
Tyrian "			

SANGER, FORT ANN, and TYRIAN MARK LODGES, together with those reported as delinquent at the last session, being constitutionally in default for non-payment of dues, were directed forthwith to surrender their warrants, funds, jewels, and furniture, upon the requisition of the Grand Secretary, or to his order, under the seal of the Grand Chapter.

The following was adopted:

Whereas, It is reported that sundry masons make it a business to travel about the country delivering the masonic lectures to Chapters and Lodges for a compensation, thereby making a trade of masonry, contrary to the spirit of the institution, therefore

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter does expressly prohibit all Chapters and Lodges under its jurisdiction from affording encouragement to persons of that description, and that it be recommended to Chapters and Lodges to receive their instructions in such manner as is provided by this Grand Chapter.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Resolved, That \$100.00 be allowed the Grand Secretary as salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Comp. J. B. MOORE be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services as Deputy Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That Comp. J. BULL, Grand Marshal, be allowed \$2.00 per day in addition to his fees for attendance on the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, be allowed \$30.00 for the use of its hall the present session.

The Grand Chapter was then closed.

EBENEZER WADSWORTH,

Grand Secretary.

EMERGENCY—1823.

The Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on the 8th day of October, A. S. L. S. 5823, by order of the M. S. E. S., EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest, at the special request of M. S. E. S. DEWITT CLINTON, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

PRESENT:

M. S. E. S. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
Comp. BENJAMIN PRINCE,	as Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOHN KEYES PAIGE,	as Grand King.
" JOHN BRUSH,	Grand Scribe.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT L. DOX,	Grand Treasurer.
" Rev. WILLIAM B. LACEY,	as Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
" CHARLES HEWETT,	Grand Sentinel.

And Representatives and members of the following Chapters,
viz:

Temple, No. 5.	Warren, No. 23.
Hudson, " 6.	St. Lawrence, " 24.
Jerusalem, " 8.	Otsego, " 26.
De La Fayette, " 9.	Solomon, " 31.
Lebanon, " 13.	Cyrus, " 57.
Warren, " 22.	Cherry Valley, " 74.

Also a large number of visitors from this and adjoining States.

The Grand Chapter having been duly opened, the Throne of Grace was addressed by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand High Priest communicated the following to the Grand Chapter:

ALBANY, 27th September, 1823.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest:

The solemnities which are about to take place, in consequence of the union of the Erie and Champlain Canal with the Hudson River, will be greatly enhanced by the countenance of the masonic fraternity. I have, therefore, to solicit from you the attendance of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter on that occasion, and of all the Companions and Brethren who can conveniently assemble. And I am persuaded that you will, with your uniform devotion to the honor of masonry, attend to this invitation, which I give you as President of the Canal Board, and with my sanction as presiding officer of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America.

DE WITT CLINTON.

To M^r. E^r. EZRA AMES, G^r. H^r. P^r. of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York.

And that, in pursuance of which he had called this meeting, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the same was dignified, honorable, and well entitled to our notice and attention, and that we proceed to the objects contemplated without delay.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to the arsenal, where a procession was formed, which moved to the lock, where the ceremonies were performed in a dignified and splendid manner; and the Grand Chapter returned to the hall, when the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the unfeigned thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented the several committees of arrangements for their civilities and attention to them, during the celebration of the passage of the first boat from the grand Erie and Champlain Canal into the Hudson River at Albany; and that the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of this resolution to Hon. CHARLES E. DUDLEY, chairman of said committees.

The same to Gen. SOLOMON VAN RENSSELAER, marshal of the day, for his polite and gallant attention to them during the ceremonies.

The same to our visiting Companions, and to the DELTA GRAND LODGE OF PERFECTION, No. 1, of the City of Schenectady.

Resolved, That the Grand High Priest be, and is hereby requested to make a detailed report of this day's proceedings at the next annual meeting of this Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter closed.

EBENEZER WADSWORTH,

Grand Secretary.

1824.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on the 3d day of February, A. L. 5824.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" JOHN KEYES PAIGE, proxy for	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH ENOS,	Grand King.
" JOHN BRUSH,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT L. DOX,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
" CHARLES HEWETT,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: ELISHA GILBERT, JUN.,	P.: G.: K.:
" ASA FITCH,	P.: G.: K.:
" DANIEL HALE,	P.: G.: K.:
" ADONIJAH SKINNER,	P.: G.: S.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:
" AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN	P.: G.: S.:

The Grand Chapter was opened on the Mark degree.

Comp. the Rev. GEORGE HARMON addressed the Throne of Grace.

The following Representatives and Proxies produced the necessary vouchers, and took their seats as members:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Alexander Fraser.
3. Phoenix,	William Jessup.
5. Temple,	Welcome Esleeck. John O. Cole.
6. Hudson,	Thomas Blanck.
7. Horeb,	Nathaniel Caulking.
8. Jerusalem,	Thomas W. Garniss.
9. De La Fayette,	Benjamin Hyde, proxy.
10. Federal,	Asa Fitch.
13. Lebanon,	Harry Pierce. John Murdock. Henry D. Wright.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
19. Fredonian,	James E. Betts.
21. New Concord,	Daniel Smith, Jun. Edward Palmer.
22. Warren,	Asel Keith.
23. Warren,	Thomas Palmer.
24. St. Lawrence,	Samuel Bigelow.
25. Harmony,	John Noyes, proxy.
26. Otsego,	Edward B. Crandal.
27. Herkimer,	James Byers.
28. Northern Constellation, .	Samuel Peck.
29. Washington,	Nathan Gillett.
30. John the Baptist, . . .	Joel Bartlett.
31. Solomon,	Jacob Van Benthuyssen.
32. Washington,	Epenetus Wallace.
34. Davids,	Richard L. Smith.
35. Western Star,	Joshua Bradley.
36. Geneva,	Richard Hogarth.
37. Williams,	Samuel Kettlelas. Samuel Jillson.
38. New Berlin,	Rouse Clark.
39. Plattsburgh,	St. John B. L. Skinner.
40. Mount Hope,	Benjamin Dodge.
42. Elmira,	Thomas Maxwell.
44. Delphi,	Richard W. Allen.
45. Montgomery,	Alinos Matthews.
47. New Jerusalem,	Jedediah Fay.
48. Apollo,	Daniel H. Stone.
49. Washington,	Solomon Place.
50. Cyrus,	Joseph Enos.
51. Richmond,	John Brownall.
53. Hiram Union,	John G. Van Deusen. Augustus Diefendorf.
54. Eagle,	William L. Stone, proxy.
55. Glens Falls,	James White.
56. Friendship,	Platt Adams.
57. Cyrus,	Isaac M. Schemerhorn. Giles F. Yates. Jno. K. Paige.
57. Oneida,	Ezra S. Cozier. Ezra S. Baruum. Wm. B. Gray.
58. Eagle,	Nicoll Halsey.
59. Watertown,	Orville Hungerford.
61. Clinton,	Stephen C. Barnum.
62. Hamilton,	Wm. Brewster.
63. Ogdensburgh,	Gustavus W. Kruger.
64. Aurora,	—— Morgan.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
66. Ontario Temple, . . .	Geo. Harmon.
67. Western Sun, . . .	Eliel T. Foot, proxy.
69. Amber, . . .	James M. Allen.
70. Salina, . . .	Noah Tubbs.
74. Cherry Valley, . . .	Levi Beardsley.
75. Mt. Horeb, . . .	Henry Van Hovenburgh.
76. Forest, . . .	Joseph Skinner.
77. Fidelity, . . .	Nicoll Halsey.
78. Johnstown, . . .	Joseph Cuyler.
79. Palmyra Eagle, . . .	Durfey Chase.
MARK LODGES.	
47. Evening Star, . . .	Luther C. Spencer.
48. Canajoharie, . . .	Jay Cady.
78. Hempsted, . . .	Thos. Lloyd.

The Grand High Priest made a special report of the proceedings at the emergent meeting of the Grand Chapter, on the 8th day of October, 5823, called for the purpose of assisting in the celebration of the passage of the first boat from the Grand Erie and Champlain Canals into the Hudson River, which is as follows:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of New York:

M. E. COMPANIONS:—I have the honor to submit to you an official report of the masonic ceremonies which took place on the 8th of October last, when the first vessel passed from the Erie and Champlain Canals into the Hudson River. This solemnity, performed at my request, has conferred great honor on the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, was perfectly well adapted to the occasion, and made the most favorable impression on the assembled multitude. The record of the proceedings will, of course, be preserved in your archives, and such publicity given to it as your wisdom may prescribe.

I avail myself of the opportunity to express my entire approbation of the proceedings, and to communicate my grateful acknowledgments to the Grand High Priest, and the other officers and Companions, for their compliance with my request, and in a manner so honorable to themselves and to the character of our institution.

I am, most respectfully and truly,

Your friend and Brother,

DE WITT CLINTON.

Pursuant to public notice, the Grand Chapter of the State of New York assembled on the 8th day of October, A. L. 5823, at the Masonic Hall of TEMPLE CHAPTER, in the City of Albany, and was opened in ample form by the Grand Officers and Companions. The Grand High Priest read the following communication from the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America:

[Here follows the letter of the General Grand High Priest, DEWITT CLINTON, to the G. H. P., previously recorded. See proceedings 1823.]

Whereupon it was unanimously

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter accept of the distinguished honor of performing the solemn ceremonies of celebrating the Cap-stone on the Lock which unites the Erie and Champlain Canals with the Hudson River.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to the State Arsenal, where the Grand Officers clothed themselves with the splendid robes of their order, and the subordinate officers and Companions were arrayed with the proper insignia of their respective stations, when a procession was formed in the following order, viz:

The Grand Marshal of the day with a drawn sword.

Band of Music.

Two Tilers with drawn swords.

Two Stewards with white rods, mounted.

Visiting Companions.

Members of the Grand Chapter.

A Companion carrying a silver vessel of corn, supported by two Stewards with white rods.

Two Companions with silver vessels, one containing wine, the other oil.

Two Grand Architects with the proper implements.

Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

Grand Visiting Companions.

Holy Bible, Square, and Compasses, carried by a Companion supported by two Stewards with rods.

Grand Chaplain.

Grand King and Scribe with an engraved plate and scroll.

Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, supported by four Stewards with rods.

Grand Marshal of Grand Chapter with a drawn sword.

The procession moved down Lawrence street, and passed over the bridge above the basin at the same instant that the canal packet boat, the "DeWitt Clinton," passed under with the Canal Commissioners, the Committees of Arrangements, and municipal authorities of the City of Albany.

On arriving at the Lock, the procession opened to the right and left, and the Grand Officers passed through to the front and once around the Lock to the triumphal arch on the north side. Previous to the celebration, there was a superb triumphal arch erected for the occasion, comprising three arches. Its structure consisted of one large arch embracing the width of the Lock, flanked by two others of smaller dimensions. These arches were supported by eight massive columns composed of the trunks of trees; their capitals, wreathings, etc., of the different orders of architecture, were composed of rich foliage and evergreens, as were the decorations of the arches and compartments. The ceremony of laying the Cap-stone of the Lock was performed directly under one of these arches (which were constructed and built by direction of Comp. PHILIP HOOKER). The Companions then formed themselves on each side of the Grand Officers, with the Grand Marshal on the left, and the ceremonies commenced as follows:

1st. Prayer by Comp. the Rev. WILLIAM B. LACEY, acting Grand Chaplain, in the words following :

"Great Architect of the Universe! Maker and Ruler of all worlds! Deign from Thy celestial Temple, from realms of light and glory, to bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly.

"Permit us, O Thou Author of Light and Life, great Source of Love and Happiness, to erect this work, and now solemnly to consecrate it to the honor of Thy glory.

"Bless all the inhabitants of the earth wheresoever dispersed, and grant speedy relief to all who are either oppressed or distressed.

"We affectionately commend to Thee all the members of Thy whole family. May they increase in the knowledge of Thee, and in the love of each other.

"Finally, may we finish all our work here below with Thine approbation, and then have our transition from this earthly abode to Thy Heavenly Temple above, there to enjoy light, glory, and bliss, ineffable and eternal!"

2d. Invocation by the Grand High Priest :

The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift *them* up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

3d. A part of the celebration ode was chanted while the procession passed three times around the Lock under the triumphal arches.

4th. The Grand Scribe then presented to the Grand High Priest, for the examination of the Grand Council, an engraved plate which was designed to be placed under the Cap-stone, in order to perpetuate the memory of the splendid celebration of this magnificent structure. The device meeting the approbation of the Grand Council, the Grand Scribe read the inscription, which is as follows:

LAUS DEO.

This stone was laid by the Most Excellent EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York, in the presence of the Canal Commissioners, the Corporation of the City of Albany

the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and an immense concourse of citizens of the State, on the 8th day of October, 1823, the auspicious day on which the first vessel passed through this Lock from the *Junction Canal* (formed by the union of the Erie and Champlain Canals) into the Hudson River.

CANAL COMMISSIONERS.

DEWITT CLINTON,	President.
STEPHEN VAN RENSSELAER,	
SAMUEL YOUNG,	
MYRON HOLLEY,	Treasurer.
HENRY SEYMOUR,	Secretary.
WILLIAM C. BOUCK.	
 BENJAMIN WRIGHT,	 Chief Engineer.
GEORGE W. YOUNG,	Assistant Engineer.
PETER STEWART,	Builder.

The Grand Scribe, by order of the Grand High Priest, then laid the engraved plate under the Cap-stone.

5th. The Cap-stone was then laid in ample order by the Grand High Priest, assisted by the Grand Architect. The Grand High Priest then applied the *plumb, square, and level*, in the proper positions, and pronounced it *well formed true, and trusty*.

According to an ancient custom adopted among Masons, the Grand High Priest consecrated upon the Cap-stone: *The corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy*, saying:

May the all Bountiful Creator of the universe bless the inhabitants of this State with all the necessaries, conveniences, and comforts of life. May the Supreme Architect protect and preserve this stupendous structure from accident or decay; and may it ever continue and remain a monument of the genius, spirit, and liberality of its founders.

Response by the Companions: Amen. So mote it be. Amen.

The Companions then chanted the following:

Almighty Jehovah,
Descend now and fill
This world with thy glory,
Our hearts with good will;
Preside at our meetings,—
Assist us to find
True pleasure in teaching
Good will to mankind.

Thy wisdom inspired the great undertaking,—
Thy strength shall support it till nature expire;
And when the creation shall fall into ruin,
Its beauty shall rise through the midst of the fire.

6th. The celebrating ode was renewed and continued while the procession moved again three times around the Lock, under the arches.

In passing around the first time, the officers deposited their jewels on the altar, when the Companions chanted:

There's no more occasion for level or plumb line,
For trowel, or gavel, for compass or square;
Our works are completed, the cap-stone is placed,
And we shall be greeted as workmen most rare.

The Grand High Priest then closed the ceremonies of laying the Cap-stone, with the following:

Brethren, Companions, and Fellow Citizens:

We do now, in behalf of this State Grand Chapter, and the whole fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, congratulate you on the auspicious termination of this great work, and we will ascribe *glory to God on High, and on earth peace and good will towards man. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

The close of the masonic ceremonies was announced by the discharge of nine cannon, by three times three, with a flourish of music between each three. The lower culverts of the lock were then opened, and the boat descended into the waters of the Hudson, amidst shouts and acclamations of joy from thousands of citizens, who had assembled to witness this great event.

The aforesaid report was accepted, and ordered to be recorded and published with extracts of the proceedings.

The records of the last session were read.

The Grand High Priest made an official report of his proceedings during the recess.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On the reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, and applications for Warrants—Comps. JOHN K. PAIGE, EBENEZER WADSWORTH, and WILLIAM L. STONE.

On Charity—Comps. ELISHA GILBERT, ALEXANDER FRASER, and ORVILLE HUNGERFORD.

On Grand Secretary's and Treasurer's books, and report of the Trustees—Comps. JAMES E. BETTS, GILES F. YATES, and JACOB VAN BENTHUYSEN.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, in his official report, stated that certain proceedings of FREDONIAN CHAPTER, No. 19, at their annual elections, had required his interposition; that he had appointed a Committee to examine the same, and that the said Committee had reported a statement of facts, which he submitted to the Grand Chapter for their consideration.

The said report and the accompanying documents were read, and referred to a Committee, and the said Committee, having had the same under consideration, reported that the proceedings of FREDONIAN CHAPTER, No. 19, were unmasonic and unconstitutional, and recommended the following resolutions:

Resolved, That FREDONIAN CHAPTER, No. 19, be and it is hereby suspended from its masonic labors until the next annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, unless the Grand Council shall see fit sooner to restore it; and that if the Grand Council be assembled, it shall be at the expense of the said Chapter; and that the Grand Secretary cause a copy of this resolution to be served on the presiding officer of said Chapter.

Resolved, That Comps. THOMAS BARKER, JAMES TELLER, and EBER WHEATON, members of FREDONIAN CHAPTER, No. 19, be and they are hereby restored to their masonic privileges and standing; and that the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby required to notify the several Chapters under this jurisdiction of the same.

Which resolutions, having been read and duly considered, were adopted.

Comp. JOSEPH CUYLER presented a resolution adopted by JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER, No. 78, on the 27th day of January, directing its representative to apply to the Grand Chapter for an order requiring the officers of the late MONTGOMERY MARK LODGE, located in the Village of Johnstown, to deliver to that Chapter the jewels, furniture, and funds of the said Lodge.

The resolution was referred to Comps. ELIEL T. FOOT, ISAAC M. SCHEMERHORN, and DANIEL H. STONE.

A petition was then read from DE LA FAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 9, asking leave to remove from Granville to Hartford, and it was

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted, on condition that the Chapter first complies with the Constitution in such case made and provided.

AURORA CHAPTER, No. 64, applied through its Representative for remission of dues, and the application was referred to the Committee on Warrants.

Adjourned to meet on the Mark degree at nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow, and on the Royal Arch degree at four o'clock this P. M.

FEBRUARY 3D, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Several petitions for Warrants for new Chapters were read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

A petition from EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 58, and one from its High Priest, were read, and referred to Comps. E. T. FOOT, I. M. SCHEMERHORN, JOSEPH CUYLER, ASA FITCH, and O. HUNGERFORD.

Notice of the expulsion of ISAAC HEES for unmasonic conduct, by HIRAM UNION CHAPTER, No. 53, was read, and, on motion, the action of the Chapter in relation thereto was ratified.

Grand Chapter adjourned.

FEBRUARY 4TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to consider the action of JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER, No. 78, in relation to the funds, etc., of the late MONTGOMERY MARK LODGE, reported the following:

Whereas, This Grand Chapter, at its last annual meeting, did grant a Warrant to hold a Chapter at Johnstown, in the County of Montgomery, by the name of JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER, No. 78, and

Whereas, By the rule adopted by this Grand Chapter at its annual meeting in 1816, that whenever a Mark Warrant is surrendered and a Chapter established in its place the funds and jewels shall be the property of the Chapter, and

Whereas, The proper officers have demanded the funds and jewels of MONTGOMERY MARK LODGE, No. 84, from the officers thereof, who have refused to comply with the rule above recited in relation thereto, therefore

Resolved, That Comp. JOSEPH CUYLER be, and is hereby appointed the Attorney of this Grand Chapter to ask for, demand, and receive the funds and jewels which were the property of the said MONTGOMERY MARK LODGE, No. 34; and in case of refusal, to prosecute for the same in a court having competent jurisdiction, and when received, to deliver the same to the proper officer of JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER, No. 78, and account to the Grand Chapter at its next annual meeting.

The foregoing report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Mark lecture was given by M.: E.: EZRA AMES and EBENEZER WADSWORTH.

The Grand Chapter was then closed on the Mark degree.

FEBRUARY 4TH, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT :—Officers and members as before.

Whereas, It is represented that Comp. DANIEL PARKER a Royal Arch Mason, and now the High Priest elect of a Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, has published an injudicious pamphlet, purporting to be lectures on the several degrees in masonry, therefore

Resolved, That Comps. WILLIAM L. STONE, THOMAS BLANCK, and JACOB VAN BENTHUYSEN, be a Committee to enquire into the same, and report to this Grand Chapter.

The Royal Arch lecture was given by Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and EBENEZER WADSWORTH, Grand Visitors.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers, with the following result:

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD PENNELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH ENOS, Jun.,	Grand King.
" JOHN BRUSH,	Grand Scribe.
Comp. EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT L. DOX,	Grand Treasurer.
" Rev. WILLIAM A. CLARK,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.

Comp. CHARLES HEWETT was appointed Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were duly installed.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 5TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to consider the petition of EAGLE

CHAPTER, No. 58, made a report, reciting the difficulties resulting to that Chapter by the misconduct of CHARLES BINGHAM, formerly its High Priest, and who was expelled for refusing to pay the dues of the Chapter to the Grand Chapter, which had been entrusted to him, and otherwise squandering the funds of the said Chapter, so that it became insolvent; and it appearing to the Committee that the said Chapter is unable to pay the whole amount of its dues to the Grand Chapter, they recommend that the dues of the said Chapter which accrued previous to 1822 be remitted.

The report was received and adopted.

Comp. HOGARTH asked and obtained leave to withdraw the petition for a Warrant for a Chapter at Penn Yan.

Adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 5TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Trustees made the following report:

The funds of the Grand Chapter, exclusive of the receipts of the present session, are as follows:

Three hundred and nine shares of the stock of the Mechanics' and Farmers' Bank of Albany, on which is paid \$12.00 per share,	\$3,708 00
Cash in said bank,	391 89
“ this day deposited by Grand Secretary received in recess,	195 00
Uncurrent bills of Niagara Bank,	31 00
Due on Salem Town's note,	335 95½
Demand against Joel Hart, late Deputy Grand High Priest	\$60 00
Seven years' interest thereon,	29 40 89 40
Christopher C. Yates' mortgage,	5,000 00
Six years' interest thereon.	2,100 00
Total,	<u>\$11,851 24½</u>

On motion of Comp. HUNGERFORD, the Trustees were requested to collect Comp. SALEM TOWN's note, unless he gave ample security for the amount due.

The Committee on Warrants reported as follows:

That they have taken the several applications into consideration, and recommended the granting of the following Warrants:

To Comps. DARIUS WELLS, H.: P.:, BENEDICT ARNOLD, K.:, and HORACE SPRAGUE, S.:, to hold a Chapter at Amsterdam, County of Montgomery, by the name of AMSTERDAM CHAPTER, No. 81.

To Comps. SIMEON DUTCHER, H.: P.:, WILLIAM HUGHES, K.:, and STEPHEN V. R. HOLMES, S.:, to hold a Chapter at Gaines, County of Genesee, by the name of GAINES CHAPTER, No. 82.

To Comps. ISAAC ELLWOOD, H.: P.:, NATHAN WILLCOX, K.:, and JOHN CHRISTY, S.:, to hold a Chapter at Danube, County of Herkimer, by the name of MOHAWK CHAPTER, No. 83.

To Comps. AMOS ADAMS, H.: P.:, ELI HILL, K.:, and DAVID A. MILLER, S.:, to hold a Chapter at Genesee, County of Livingston, by the name of BILLINGS CHAPTER, No. 84.

To Comps. TALLMADGE FAIRCHILD, H.: P.:, PERCEL COOK, K.:, and NATHAN CLARK, S.:, to hold a Chapter at Coxsackie, County of Greene, by the name of COXSACKIE CHAPTER, No. 85.

To Comps. BENJAMIN WRIGHT, H.: P.:, HUBERT B. MANN, K.:, and EDMUND M. ELDREDGE, S.:, to hold a Chapter at Adams, County of Jefferson, by the name of MERIDIAN SUN CHAPTER, No. 86.

To Comps. NATHAN COOK, H.: P.:, OLIVER ALLEN, K.:, and HENRY SEYMOUR, S.:, to hold a Chapter at Lyons, County of Wayne, by the name of LYONS CHAPTER, No. 87.

To Comps. H. W. CAMPBELL, H.: P.:, ALMOND HILLARD, K.:, and SEYMOUR SCOVILLE, S.:, to hold a Chapter at Lockport, County of Niagara, by the name of AMES CHAPTER, No. 88.

Your Committee deem it inexpedient to recommend the granting of a Warrant for a Chapter at Henderson in Jefferson County, owing to its proximity to SACKETT'S HARBOR CHAPTER.

Your Committee have also had under consideration the application of ORANGE MARK LODGE, of Waterford, Saratoga County, for restoration to its masonic privileges as a M.: M.: Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter. They find that the same Lodge has for some time been in default for non-payment of dues, and was embraced in the resolution adopted at the last annual meeting requiring all M.: M.: Lodges constitutionally in default to surrender their Warrants—the Committee therefore deem it inexpedient to grant the application of the said Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN KEYES PAIGE,
EBENEZER WADSWORTH,
WILLIAM L. STONE.

The Committee appointed to investigate the case of Comp.

DANIEL PARKER, High Priest elect of a subordinate Chapter at Kingston, reported as follows:

That they have given the subject that attention which the circumstances under which they were compelled to act would permit. It is with deep regret that your Committee are compelled to state their conviction, that the said Comp. DANIEL PARKER, by a series of reprehensible conduct as a Mason, has rendered himself a dangerous member of our fraternity and wholly undeserving of its benefits, its honors, or its confidence. It has satisfactorily appeared to your Committee, after a patient examination of a number of brethren, some of whom occupy and adorn the highest stations in the gift of the order, that Comp. PARKER has not only expressly violated one of the most important of our masonic obligations, by printing and publishing, or causing to be printed and published, a work calculated to expose some of the mysteries which bind together and preserve our fraternity; but, in order to find a more ready and profitable market, he has added to his perfidy a series of falsehoods in regard to the opinions of his work entertained by some of our most eminent officers. * * * * With these facts before them, the Committee cannot hesitate as to the course that ought to be pursued. Comp. PARKER cannot be allowed, while laboring under charges or imputations like these, to mingle in fellowship with our brethren—much less to preside as the head of a subordinate Chapter, whose motto is “Holiness to the Lord.” Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Comp. DANIEL PARKER, recently elected High Priest of MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 75, at Kingston, be, and he is hereby suspended, not only as the presiding officer of said Chapter, but as a member of our fraternity.

Resolved, That the aforesaid DANIEL PARKER be cited to appear before this Grand Chapter on the first day of its session, to be held in February, 1825, to show cause, if any he has, why he should not be expelled.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, under the direction of the Grand Council, be instructed to prepare charges and specifications, upon which the foregoing report and resolutions are founded, and serve a copy of the same upon the said DANIEL PARKER.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

By order of the Committee,

WILLIAM L. STONE,

Chairman

The report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

On motion of Comp. HUNGERFORD, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed not to audit the account of any member of this Grand Chapter for travel and attendance until the Grand Chapter shall be closed—unless leave of absence shall be obtained in open Chapter, by a vote thereof.

Comp. BETTS, from the Committee on the report of the Trustees, reported the items contained in the report truly stated.

Comp. BETTS also reported that the accounts and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were correct.

Comp. GILBERT, from the Committee on Charity, reported in favor of granting \$30.00 to Comp. JAMES HIGGINS, as a charitable donation.

Report received, and donation granted.

Comp. WILLIAM L. STONE offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, It is represented to this Grand Chapter, that some subordinate Chapters are in the habit of occasionally holding convocations for labor, and also informal meetings for lecturing, on the Sabbath, and

Whereas, The Supreme Architect of the Universe, after having completed the wonderful work of the Creation, not only rested from his labor on the seventh day, but afterwards issued his divine injunction commanding that it should forever thereafter be hallowed as a day of rest; and

Whereas, The Holy Bible is the universal standard for the rule and guide of the faith and conduct of all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons; and

Whereas, The practice above set forth is an infringement of the principles and spirit of the masonic institution, and has a tendency to injure and degrade it in the eyes of the religious community, therefore

Resolved, That no subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter be allowed to hold communications on the Sabbath, either for actual labor; or for the purpose of lecturing on any of the degrees.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to cause a copy of the foregoing preambles and resolutions to be transmitted to the several subordinate Chapters in this State.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 7TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Comp. JOSEPH ENOS, Grand King, reported that he had installed a Mark Lodge at Camden, Oneida County.

Appropriation of funds was made as follows:

Grand Sentinel's account,	\$ 43 92
Richard Van Benthuyzen for printing,	40 61
Grand Secretary for ensuing year,	100 00
Temple Chapter for use of hall,	30 00
Grand Treasurer for ensuing year,	50 00
Total,	<u>\$264 53</u>

Comp. JOHN O. COLE was allowed \$4.00 per day for his services as Assistant Grand Secretary.

Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., Grand Marshal, was allowed \$2.00 per day in addition to his pay as a member, and also \$10.00 for extra services on the 8th day of October last.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter on the Mark degree this session were approved.

Prayer by Comp. Rev. JOSHUA BRADLEY.

The Grand Chapter was then closed.

EBENEZER WADSWORTH,
Grand Secretary.

1825.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on the 1st day of February, A. L. 5825.

PRESENT:

M. E. EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD PENNELL	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOSEPH ENOS,	Grand King.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT L. DOX,	Grand Treasurer.
Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
" CHARLES HEWETT,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

E. DANIEL HALE, Jun.,	P. G. K.
" ELISHA GILBERT,	P. G. K.
" ASA FITCH,	P. G. K.
" ADONIJAH SKINNER,	P. G. S.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.

And the following Representatives and Proxies, who presented the necessary credentials, and took their seats as members:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Edward Hamilton.
3. Phoenix,	James Morgan.
4. Montgomery,	John F. Groesbeck.
	Munson Smith.
5. Temple,	Jonathan Eights.
	W. Esleeck.
	John O. Cole.
6. Hudson,	C. Bushnell.
	C. Curtiss.
	C. Waldo.
7. Horeb,	Nathaniel Caulking.
8. Jerusalem,	John F. Sibell.
9. De LaFayette,	Calvin Jilson.
10. Federal,	Abner Austin.
13. Lebanon,	John Murdock.
	Henry D. Wright.
	William H. Toby.
16. Rising Sun,	Thomas Barker.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
21. New Concord,	I. Merriman. D. Smith, Jun. H. Beebe.
22. Warren,	Henry Palmer.
23. Warren,	L. B. Langworthy.
24. St. Lawrence,	Zenas Clark.
25. Harmony,	Percy Randal.
26. Otsego,	Harvey Luce.
27. Herkimer,	James Byers.
28. Northern Constellation, .	Almon Wheeler.
29. Washington,	Benjamin Enos.
30. John the Baptist,	Warren Parsons.
31. Solomon,	Elijah P. Benjamin. William H. Buckley.
32. Washington,	Epenetus Wallace.
34. David's	Richard L. Smith.
35. Western Star,	Daniel White.
36. Geneva,	Richard Hogarth.
37. Williams,	Nathaniel Hall. A. P. Fonda.
38. New Berlin,	Rouse Clark.
39. Plattsburgh,	St. John B. L. Skinner.
40. Mount Hope,	Isaac Otis.
43. Mount Vernon,	Simon Bingham.
44. Delphi,	Richard W. Allen.
45. Montgomery,	Alinos Matthews.
46. North East,	John Duell.
48. Apollo,	Samuel Pitcher.
49. Washington,	Solomon Place.
50. Cyrus,	Joseph Enos.
51. Richmond,	John Brownall.
53. Hiram Union,	Noah Cook. Aug. Diefendorf.
54. Eagle,	Lebbeus Chapman.
55. Glens Falls,	William Hay. James White. H. Thurston.
56. Friendship,	J. Rider. H. B. Jones.
57. Cyrus,	Amos Curtiss.
57. Oneida,	E. S. Cozier. J. H. Ostrom. E. S. Barnum.
59. Watertown,	Orville Hungerford.
63. Ogdensburgh,	Abiram Kingsbury.
64. Aurora,	Jedediah Morgan.
66. Ontario Temple,	Enos Gillis.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
67. Western Sun,	Elial T. Foote.
68. Sackett's Harbor, . . .	Alvah Kinney.
69. Amber,	James M. Allen.
70. Salina,	Noah Tubbs.
71. Niagara,	Stephen K. Grosvenor. Charles Townsend.
72. Manlius,	William Taylor.
73. Unadilla,	Henry A. Beach.
74. Cherry Valley,	Levi Beardsley. Delos White. A. W. Flint.
75. Mount Horeb,	H. Van Hovenburgh.
76. Forest,	Leverett Barker.
77. Fidelity,	L. Strowbridge.
78. Johnstown,	Joseph Cuyler.
79. Palmyra Eagle,	Solomon St. John.
80. Bainbridge,	Josiah N. Wright.
81. Amsterdam,	Darius Wells. Welcome U. Chase.
83. Mohawk,	Isaac Elwood.
85. Coxsackie,	T. Fairfield. N. Clark. Charles Bartlett.
87. Lyons,	Henry Seymour.
88. Ames,	Daniel Washburn.

CHAPTERS U. S. D.:

Catskill,	A. R. Livingston.
Olive Branch,	Reuben Hecox.
Union,	T. W. Garniss. John B. Scott.
Bradley,	Lewis Biles.

MARK LODGES.

26. St. John's,	Abner Medberry.
47. Evening Star,	Joseph B. Moore.
83. Fort Ann,	Lemuel Hastings.

The Grand Chapter was opened on the Mark degree, in due form, by the following officers:

EZRA AMES,	Master.
JOSEPH ENOS,	Senior Warden.
ELISHA GILBERT,	Junior Warden.
EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Secretary.
GERRIT L. DOX,	Treasurer.
ORVILLE HUNGERFORD,	Master Overseer.
LEBBEUS CHAPMAN,	Senior Overseer.
JOHN O. COLE,	Junior Overseer.
CHARLES HEWETT,	Tiler.

The records of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The Grand High Priest made a report of the several Dispensations to hold Chapters, granted by him since the last annual meeting, which was received, and referred to a Committee consisting of Comps. JOSEPH ENOS, CAMPBELL BUSHNELL, and JAMES WHITE.

The Deputy Grand High Priest made a similar report, which was referred to the same Committee.

Comps. ELISHA GILBERT, JOSEPH CUYLER, and JOHN F. SIBELL, were appointed a Committee on applications for Charity.

Comps. LEBBEUS CHAPMAN, ORVILLE HUNGERFORD, and CYRUS CURTISS, were appointed a Committee to examine the books of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Several petitions for Warrants to hold Chapters were presented, and referred to the Committee of which Comp. JOSEPH ENOS is chairman.

The Mark Master's lecture was then given by the Master and Senior Warden.

PALMYRA EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 79, reported that DURFEY CHASE and JABEZ MATTHEWS had been expelled from that Chapter for unmasonic conduct; the proceedings and testimony in the said cases were read, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. JOHN B. SCOTT, SIMON BINGHAM, and WILLIAM H. BUCKLEY.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet on the Mark degree at ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and on the Royal Arch degree at four o'clock this afternoon.

FEBRUARY 1ST, FOUR o'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—M.: E.: EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest, and officers and members as before.

On motion of Comp. CHAPMAN, it was

Resolved, That the time of the suspension of FREDONIAN CHAPTER, No. 19, from its labors having expired, by its own limitation, the Deputy Grand High

Priest be directed to grant a Dispensation to the members of said Chapter, authorizing them to proceed to the election of officers for the present year.

The several proposed amendments to the Constitution were then taken into consideration and adopted.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 2D, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Comp. JOHN BRUSH, Grand Scribe, appeared and took his seat.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Comp. JOEL HART, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, in the exercise of the duties of his office, received the sum of \$60.00 for a Dispensation granted by him to hold a Chapter, which he withholds from this Grand Chapter, in violation of his oath of office, and in dereliction of his duty as a Mason, therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to summon the said JOEL HART to appear before this Grand Chapter at its next annual communication, to show cause why he should not be expelled.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, under the direction of the Grand Council, prepare charges and specifications against the said JOEL HART, and cause the same to be served upon him, together with a copy of these resolutions.

On motion of Comp. SIBELL,

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to examine and report as to the propriety and expediency of erecting a masonic hall in the City of Albany; and that M. E. EZRA AMES, Comps. SIBELL, D. SMITH, BUCKLEY, CUYLER, HUNGERFORD, BEARDSLEY, R. L. SMITH, and FOOTE, be said Committee.

The Grand Chapter then closed on the Mark degree, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, and the applications for Warrants, reported as follows, in part:

That they have examined and duly considered so much of the matter re-

ferred to them as is embraced in the reports of the said Grand Officers, and do recommend the granting the following Warrants, viz:

To Comps. AARON TUTHILL, H. P., DAVID RUMSEY, K., RUFUS HARVEY, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Warsaw, Genesee County, by the name of WESTERN LUMINARY CHAPTER, No. 89.

To Comps. ANTHONY R. LIVINGSTON, H. P., IRA DUBOIS, K., JULIUS AUSTIN, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Catskill, Greene County, by the name of CATSKILL CHAPTER, No. 90.

To Comps. MERRITT BROWN, H. P., WARREN PATCHIN, K., PAUL C. COOK, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Dansville, Town of Sparta, Livingston County, by the name of DANSVILLE CHAPTER, No. 91.

To Comps. JOSIAH B. CHAPMAN, H. P., JOHN DE MOTT, K., SAMUEL M. PORTER, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Ovid, Seneca County, by the name of OVID CHAPTER, No. 92.

To Comps. REUBEN HECOX, H. P., ABRAHAM SAGE, K., RUSSELL HOPKINS, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Frankfort, Herkimer County, by the name of OLIVE BRANCH CHAPTER, No. 93.

To Comps. GEORGE SCRIBA, H. P., THOMAS W. GARNISS, K., HENRY DWIGHT, S., and others, to hold a Chapter in the City of New York, by the name of UNION CHAPTER, No. 94.

To Comps. EZRA WILDERMAN, H. P., DUGALD CAMERON, K., LEWIS BILES, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Bath, Steuben County, by the name of BRADLEY CHAPTER, No. 95.

Which report was accepted, and it was

Resolved, That Warrants be issued accordingly.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers with the following result, viz:

M. E. EZRA AMES, of Albany,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD PENNELL, of New York,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOSEPH ENOS, of Eaton,	Grand King.
" EZRA S. COZIER, of Utica,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN ORTON COLE, of Albany,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT L. DOX, of Albany,	Grand Treasurer.
" Rev. JOSEPH PRENTISS, of Catskill,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., of New Lebanon,	Grand Marshal.
" CHARLES HEWETT, of Albany,	appointed Grand Sentinel.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 3D, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Officers elect were duly installed into their respective offices by the Grand High Priest.

MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 4, and DELPHI CHAPTER, No. 44, having petitioned for leave to remove the said Chapters:

Resolved, That MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 4, now held at Stillwater, in the County of Saratoga, have leave to remove to the Village of Schaghticoke Point, in the County of Rensselaer; and that DELPHI CHAPTER, No. 44, now held at Pompey, in the County of Onondaga, have leave to remove to De Ruyter, in the County of Madison.

On motion of Comp. R. L. SMITH,

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to E. Comp. JOHN BRUSH, late Grand Scribe, and to E. Comp. EBENEZER WADSWORTH, late Grand Secretary, for the long, able, and faithful discharge of their masonic duties, as officers of this Grand Chapter.

On motion of Comp. PITCHER:

Resolved, That the Grand Council be authorized to meet on the Friday preceding the next annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, for the purpose of establishing an uniform mode of *work*, and agreeing on an uniform mode of *lecturing*, for the government of the subordinate Chapters of this State; and that the M. E. Grand High Priest, be, and he is hereby authorized to draw his Warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of \$2.00 per day for every day they shall be in actual session before the annual meeting of this Grand Chapter.

The Trustees reported as follows:

The funds of the Grand Chapter, exclusive of the receipts of the present session, are as follows:

Four hundred and nine shares of the stock of the Mechanics' and Farmers' Bank, of the City of Albany; on which has been paid \$12.00 a share,	\$4,908 00
Cash deposited in said bank,	616 52
Uncurrent bills of Niagara Bank,	31 00
Salem Town's note, dated 6th Feb., 1818, with interest from August 20, 1817,	\$ 300 00
Six years, three months and fourteen days' interest,	132 08
	432 08
Dec. 4, 1823, payment,	100 00
	332 08
Feb. 4, 1825, one year and two months' interest,	27 12
	359 20
Demand against Joel Hart,	60 00
Eight years' interest,	33 60
	93 60
C. C. Yates' mortgage,	5,000 00
Seven years' interest,	2,450 00
	7,450 00
Total,	\$13,458 32

Of the above, only \$5,774.52 can at present be considered as available, but the demand against Salem Town is believed to be perfectly good ; and the bank stock is now considered as worth 20 per cent. advance, and the claim against C. C. Yates remains in the same condition as heretofore reported.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 49, reported its proceedings upon the expulsion of WILLIAM RICHARDS, a Mark Master Mason, and the report was referred to the Select Committee of which Comp. SCOTT is chairman.

A communication from JOHN WHITING, complaining of the conduct of BRADLEY CHAPTER, No. 95, was read, and referred to a Select Committee.

Comp. SCOTT, from the Committee to whom was referred the communication of PALMYRA EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 79, relative to the expulsion of DURFEY CHASE and JABEZ MATTHEWS, reported :

That they have examined all the papers and documents in their possession ; that the testimony upon the face of the proceedings appears to support the charges and specifications exhibited against the said CHASE ; but in the case of MATTHEWS, some of the witnesses appear not to have been sworn. But in either case, it does not appear that the Companions had any notice of the proceedings against them before the Committee appointed by the said Chapter to investigate their conduct, or that they had any notice to appear before the Chapter while their several cases were under examination ; that on the day of the expulsion of the said CHASE, it does appear he sent a communication to the said Chapter, requesting it to suspend its proceedings ; complaining of irregularity on its part, and a want of time to procure testimony and to make his defence. And it further appears, in both cases, that the papers and documents are defective and irregular, as they are not certified as a copy of the proceedings of PALMYRA EAGLE CHAPTER, by the Secretary or any other officer ; nor are they under the seal of the said Chapter.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and the papers be returned to the said PALMYRA EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 79, by the Grand Secretary ; and that he inform them that the proceedings are irregular, to the end that new proceedings be had thereon.

Comp. SCOTT, from the Committee appointed to examine the proceedings of WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 49, in relation to the expulsion of WILLIAM RICHARDS, a Mark Master Mason, reported :

That the papers submitted appear to be duly authenticated ; the proceed-

ings of the Chapter have been regular, and that it had good cause for such expulsion.

The report was received, and the proceedings of the Chapter in relation to the expulsion of WILLIAM RICHARDS were confirmed.

Several petitions for charity were read, and referred to the Committee on Charity.

Several resolutions were offered, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, as proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Comp. GARNISS, from the Committee to whom was referred the charges preferred against BRADLEY CHAPTER, No. 95, by JOHN WHITING, reported:

That, after due examination, they are unanimously of opinion that the conduct of the said Chapter, in the matter complained of, has been correct, and strictly in conformity with the rules of our order.

The Committee appointed to examine and report as to the propriety and expediency of erecting a masonic hall in the City of Albany, reported:

That, in their opinion, it is desirable, and that the honor and prosperity of free masonry in this State require that a masonic hall, for the accommodation of this Grand Chapter, and other masonic assemblies, be erected in the City of Albany, whenever a sufficient fund can be obtained for that purpose. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that this Grand Chapter appoint a Committee, to consist of the M. E. Grand High Priest and one member for each senatorial district of this State, to take this subject into consideration; to ascertain the amount of available funds now in the treasury; to take such measures as they may deem expedient to obtain funds, by subscriptions, donations or otherwise; to cause a plan or design of the contemplated hall to be drawn; to make an estimate of its probable cost, and that the Committee make a report of their proceedings to the Grand Chapter, at its next stated meeting.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That M. E. EZRA AMES, M. E. RICHARD PENNELL, of the 1st district; E. Comp. JOHN BRUSH, of the 2d district; E. Comp. ELISHA GILBERT, of the 3d district; E. Comp. ASA FITCH, of the 4th district; E. Comp. EZRA S. COZIER, of the 5th district; Comp. LEVI BEARDSLEY, of the 6th district; Comp. RICHARD L. SMITH, of the 7th district, and Comp. LEVERETT BARKER, of the 8th district, be a Committee to ascertain the available funds of the Grand Chapter; to take such steps as they may deem advisable to obtain loans and subscriptions from subordinate Chapters and Masons in the

State ; to make an estimate for purchasing or erecting a masonic hall ; to cause a design or plan of such hall to be made, and that said Committee report to the Grand Chapter, at its next session.

Adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :— Officers and members as before.

The Grand Secretary was directed to summon CHRISTOPHER C. YATES to appear before the Grand Chapter, at its next annual meeting, to show cause why he should not be suspended or expelled from any communication with the Grand Chapter, and all subordinate Chapters, and from the benefits of masonry, for a violation of his oath of office as Grand Treasurer, in withholding funds of the Grand Chapter ; and Comps. JOHN BRUSH, CAMPBELL BUSHNELL, and JOHN O. COLE, were appointed a Committee to prepare charges and specifications, under the direction of the Grand Council, against the said CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, and prosecute the same before the Grand Chapter, at its next session.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, for the last year, reported them correct.

Comp. ENOS, from the Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, and applications for Warrants, reported :

That they had examined and duly considered the several applications for Warrants, and do recommend the granting the following, viz :

To Comps. STOCKWELL OSGOOD, H. P., HEZEKIAH H. SMITH, K., ROSWELL T. LEE, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Cape Vincent, in the Town of Lyme, Jefferson County, by the name of RISING VIRTUE CHAPTER, No. 96.

To Comps. JAMES PILLING, H. P., SIDNEY KETCHUM, K., RALPH P. ALLEN, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Peru, Clinton County, by the name of McDONOUGH CHAPTER, No. 97.

To Comps. ISAAC ROSA, H. P., JESSE FIFIELD, K., DEXTER SWIFT, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Waterloo, Seneca County, by the name of WATERLOO CHAPTER, No. 98.

To Comps. JACOB MILLS, H. P., JOHN J. TAPPAN, K., ISAAC B. MILLER, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Bloomingburgh, Sullivan County, by the name of OLIVE BRANCH CHAPTER, No. 99.

To Comps. JOHN POWELL, H.: P.:, CORNELIUS MASTEN, K.:, HENRY BRADLEY, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Penn Yan, Yates County, by the name of PENN YAN CHAPTER, No. 100.

To Comps. JOHN R. STEPHENS, H.: P.:, ASA HOVEY, K.:, THOMAS BENNETT, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Hornellsville, Steuben County, by the name of STEUBEN CHAPTER, No. 101.

To Comps. BENJAMIN P. JOHNSON, H.: P.:, DANIEL GREEN, K.:, BENJAMIN RUDD, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Rome, Oneida County, by the name of ROME CHAPTER, No. 102.

To Comps. ELIHU WING, H.: P.:, LEWIS SCOTT, K.:, ABNER MEDBERRY, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Greenfield, Saratoga County, by the name of ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 103.

The Committee further recommend that a Warrant be granted as follows:

To Comps. JOSHUA BRADLEY, H.: P.:, ALLEN ANDRUS, K.:, SMITH DUNLAP, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Pulaski, Oswego County, by the name of PULASKI CHAPTER, No. 104, whenever a constitutional recommendation shall be presented to the Grand Secretary; and that the petitioners for a Mark Lodge at Westmoreland have leave to withdraw their petition.

The report was accepted, and it was ordered that Warrants be issued accordingly.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 4TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Comp. Cuyler, from the Committee on Charity, reported as follows:

That the Committee had considered the several petitions referred to them, and recommend the following donations:

To the widow of Comp. Peter E. Osterhoudt,	\$ 15 00
" Comp. Cummins Adams,	50 00
" the widow and children of Comp. Samuel Clark, to be paid into the hands of Lebbeus Chapman, as their trustee,	50 00
" Comp. Isaiah Olcott,	20 00
Total,	\$135 00

The report was accepted, and the Grand Treasurer was ordered to pay the said several sums agreeably to the recommendation of the Committee.

On motion of Comp. COOK, the following was adopted:

Whereas, It is represented to the Grand Chapter that certain subordinate Chapters and Companions in this State, are in the practice of giving and conferring degrees of masonry not recognized or authorized by the masonic Constitutions of this State, therefore

Resolved, That the giving and conferring of such degrees be, and the same is hereby expressly prohibited by the Grand Chapter.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That the names in the Warrant for UNION CHAPTER, No. 94, be altered as follows:—THOMAS W. GARNISS, H. P., HENRY DWIGHT, K., and JOHN B. SCOTT, S.

\ The resolution relative to the proceedings of PALMYRA EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 79, in the case of DURFEY CHASE and JABEZ MATTHEWS, passed yesterday, having been re-considered on motion of Comp. ST. JOHN, who was absent when the said resolution was passed; and it appearing to the satisfaction of this Grand Chapter that the seal of the said PALMYRA EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 79, did accompany the said proceedings—although the same was not handed to the Committee to whom the subject was referred; and also, that the said CHASE and MATTHEWS had notice of the said proceedings, it was thereupon

Resolved, That the proceedings of PALMYRA EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 79, in the expulsion of DURFEY CHASE and JABEZ MATTHEWS, be confirmed; and that the said DURFEY CHASE and JABEZ MATTHEWS be cut off from the benefits of masonry, and that a copy of this resolution be communicated to the said PALMYRA EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 79.

The Past Grand Secretary reported that, agreeably to a resolution passed at the last session, he had caused to be served upon Comp. DANIEL PARKER copies of certain resolutions citing him to appear at this meeting, and also copies of charges and specifications against him; that he had been informed that the said Comp. PARKER was prevented from appearing at this time, by the severe indisposition of a part of his family, which information was confirmed by his family physician.

It was therefore

Resolved, That the whole subject of the said charges against DANIEL PARKER be referred to the Grand Council, with power in their discretion to investigate the same.

The Royal Arch lecture was then given by the Grand High Priest and Comp. WADSWORTH.

On motion of Comp. WADSWORTH, the following was adopted :

Whereas, Comp. LEWIS BILES has attended this Grand Chapter for the purpose of returning a Dispensation under which BRADLEY CHAPTER has wrought, and to obtain a Warrant thereon, under the impression that he would be allowed pay as a member ; and

Whereas, It is represented that the said Comp. BILES has not sufficient funds to pay his expenses home, therefore

Resolved, That the sum of \$31.00, being the amount of dues paid by the said BRADLEY CHAPTER, be paid to Comp. BILES, as a donation from this Grand Chapter.

On motion of Comp. CUYLER, the following was adopted :

Whereas, Comp. WADSWORTH has for several years served this Grand Chapter as Grand Secretary, and

Whereas, In consequence of the absence of the Grand Treasurer, he has for almost the whole time discharged the duties of the office of Grand Treasurer until the present session, and having the responsibility of both Secretary and Treasurer devolving upon him at the same time, and for which no adequate compensation has been allowed him, therefore

Resolved, That \$50.00 be presented him as a testimonial of the sense of the Grand Chapter, in view of the long, faithful, and valuable services he has rendered this institution.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Chapter in the Mark degree be confirmed.

Resolved, That the Grand Council audit the fees and accounts of Comp. JOHN BRUSH, attorney of this corporation, and direct the Grand Treasurer to pay the same.

Resolved, That \$100.00 be allowed the Grand Secretary as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the Assistant Grand Secretaries be allowed \$3.00 per day for their services at the present session.

Resolved, That \$50.00 be allowed the Grand Treasurer as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., be allowed \$5.00 per day for his services as Grand Marshal in addition to his constitutional pay as a member.

Resolved, That TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, be allowed \$30.00 for use of its hall and furniture during the present session.

Resolved, That Comp. HEWETT's bill for articles furnished, and for services as Grand Sentinel, amounting to \$36.10, be paid.

Resolved, That the Trustees audit and cause to be paid all bills for printing and stationery.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES THIS SESSION.

Receipts—Dues from Chapters and Mark Lodges . . .	\$2,700 90½
Fees for twelve Warrants,	720 00
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Total,	\$3,420 90½
Expended by Grand Treasurer, per vouchers,	2,430 68½
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Balance,	\$ 990 22

After a fervent prayer by Comp. JOSHUA BRADLEY, the Grand Chapter was closed.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1826.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, February 7th, A. L. 5826.

PRESENT:

M. E.	EZRA AMES,	Grand High Priest.
"	RICHARD PENNELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.	JOSEPH ENOS,	Grand King.
"	EZRA S. COZIER,	Grand Scribe.
"	JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
"	GERRIT L. DOX,	Grand Treasurer.
"	Rev. JOSEPH PRENTISS,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp.	JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
"	CHARLES HEWETT,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E.	JOEL HART,	P. D. G. H. P.
E.	ASA FITCH,	P. G. K.
"	DANIEL HALE, Jun.,	P. G. K.
"	ELISHA GILBERT,	P. G. S.
"	ADONIJAH SKINNER,	P. G. S.
"	EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.
"	JOHN BRUSH,	P. G. S.

The Representatives and Proxies of Chapters named in the following table presented the necessary credentials and took their seats:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Henry Marsh.
3. Phoenix,	John F. Sibell.
4. Montgomery,	Munson Smith. Alex. Bryant. Amos Briggs.
5. Temple,	Jonathan Eights. W. Esleek. Gerrit Ryckman.
6. Hudson,	Lionel U. Lawrence.
7. Horeb,	Nathaniel Caulking. Eli Savage.
8. Jerusalem,	Hampton Dunham.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
9. De La Fayette	Calvin Jillson.
10. Federal,	Abner Austin.
13. Lebanon,	Henry D. Wright. Wm. H. Toby. Isaac Williams.
16. Rising Sun,	John W. Timson.
19. Fredonian,	James Webster.
21. New Concord,	Daniel Smith.
22. Warren,	Henry Palmer.
23. Warren,	L. B. Langworthy.
24. St. Lawrence,	Samuel Bigelow.
25. Harmony,	John Noyes.
26. Otsego,	Job Potter.
28. Northern Constellation,	Aretus M. Hitchcock.
29. Washington,	Benjamin Enos.
30. John the Baptist,	Warren Parsons.
31. Solomon,	John Brush.
35. Western Star,	Calvin Holbrook.
36. Geneva,	Jarvis L. Smith.
37. Williams,	Alex. P. Fonda.
38. New Berlin,	Rouse Clark.
39. Plattsburgh,	St. John B. L. Skinner.
42. Elmira,	Grant B. Baldwin.
43. Mount Vernon,	John Sargeant.
44. Delphi,	Nathan B. Wilbur.
45. Montgomery,	Alinos Matthews.
46. North East,	John Duel.
48. Apollo,	Daniel H. Stone. Leland Howard
49. Washington,	Gilbert C. Bedell.
50. Cyrus,	William Berry.
51. Richmond,	John Brownall.
53. Hiram Union,	Daniel Ayers.
54. Eagle,	Thomas Cleary.
55. Glens Falls,	James White. Charles White.
56. Friendship,	Hiram Carter.
57. Oneida,	Wm. Jones. Jared E. Warner. John E. Hinman.
58. Eagle,	Cyrus Beers. Richard Pew.
59. Watertown,	Orville Hungerford.
60. Bethlehem,	John W. Coggeshall.
62. Hamilton,	Burage Smith.
63. Ogdensburgh,	Seth W. Beardsley
64. Aurora,	Jedediah Morgan.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
65. Sullivan,	John E. Russell
66. Ontario Temple,	Isaac Evertson.
67. Western Sun,	Eliel T. Foote.
68. Sackett's Harbor,	Hiram Steele.
69. Amber,	David S. Van Rensselaer. James M. Allen.
70. Salina,	Noah Tubbs.
71. Niagara,	John G. Camp.
72. Manlius,	Illustrious Remington.
73. Unadilla,	Arnold B. Watson.
74. Cherry Valley,	Delos White.
75. Mount Horeb,	Henry Van Hovenburgh.
79. Palmyra Eagle,	Alexander McIntyre.
80. Bainbridge,	Moses G. Benjamin.
81. Amsterdam,	Benedict Arnold. George Maxwell. Ab. J. Berry.
82. Gaines,	Robert Anderson.
83. Mohawk,	John Christy.
85. Cossackie,	Talmadge Fairchild.
86. Meridian Sun,	John Burch.
87. Lyons,	Reuben H. Foster.
88. Ames,	William King.
89. Western Luminary,	Almon Stevens.
90. Catskill,	Ira Dubois.
91. Dansville,	James Faulkner.
93. Olive Branch,	Reuben Hecox.
94. Union	Jacob M. Vreeland.
95. Bradley,	Lewis Biles.
98. Waterloo,	Isaac Rosa.
100. Penn Yan,	John Powell. Cornelius Masten.
101. Steuben,	John R. Stephens.
102. Rome,	Benjamin P. Johnson.
103. St. John's,	Elihu Wing. Lewis Scott. Abner Medberry.
104. Pulaski,	Joshua Bradley.
CHAPTERS U. S. D. S.	
Nassau,	Alexander M. Muir.
Lenox,	Silas Judd.
Hoosick,	Ebenezer Stearns.
Cazenovia,	Enos Cushing.
Wadsworth,	Joseph B. Moore.
MARK LODGE.	
18. Hempsted,	Thomas Lloyd.

The Grand Chapter was opened on the Mark degree in due form.

The records of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The M.: E.: DEWITT CLINTON, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, was announced, and was received with due honors.

After a fervent prayer, the Grand Chaplain delivered an able, interesting, and eloquent address.

The Grand High Priest reported that he had granted Dispensations to organize several new Chapters.

The Deputy Grand High Priest reported that he had granted a Dispensation to hold a Chapter at Brooklyn; and that on the 3d day of May last he had received from the General Grand High Priest a Warrant to constitute a Grand Chapter in the State of New Jersey, and in pursuance of which he had installed the following officers of the said Grand Chapter, viz:—JOHN E. RUCKLE, G.: H.: P.:, ELIAS J. THOMPSON, D.: G.: H.: P.:, JOHN SCOTT, G.: K.:, JEPHTHA B. MUNN, G.: S.:, JOSEPH W. SCOTT, G.: Sec., JACOB WILSON, G.: Treas'r, and Comp. BALDWIN, Grand Marshal.

The following Committees were then appointed :

On the Reports of the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, and Applications for Warrants—Comps. EBENEZER WADSWORTH, JOSEPH ENOS, and JACOB M. VREELAND.

On the Secretary's and Treasurer's Books, and Proceedings of the Trustees—Comps. ORVILLE HUNGERFORD, JAMES WEBSTER, and WILLIAM H. TOBY.

On Charity—Comps. ELISHA GILBERT, JOHN W. TIMSON, and RICHARD PEW.

On Grievances—Comps. CORNELIUS MASTEN, ELIAL T. FOOTE, and WILLIAM KING.

On Claims—Comps. ASA FITCH, HIRAM STEELE, and BENJAMIN ENOS.

The Grand Secretary submitted communications from the Grand Chapters of the States of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, North Carolina, Kentucky, Maryland, and District of Columbia, and a letter from the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United

States, which were referred to a Committee consisting of Comps. SIBELL, JOHNSON, and STONE.

The Grand Secretary presented a memorial of a Committee of the Grand Chapter of the State of Kentucky to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, representing the propriety of dissolving the said General Grand Chapter; and a resolution of the said Grand Chapter of Kentucky, requesting the coöperation of this Grand Chapter; which were read, and referred to the Grand Council.

The Grand Secretary reported that, in obedience to a resolution of this Grand Chapter, passed on the 2d day of February, 1825, he had prepared charges and specifications against JOEL HART, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, and had caused the same, together with a copy of the said resolution, to be served upon the said JOEL HART, and had summoned him to appear and answer to the same at this session of the Grand Chapter.

Ordered, That the same be referred to a select Committee, consisting of Comps. JOSEPH ENOS, JAMES WHITE, and DANIEL HALE, JUN.

The Grand Secretary further reported that, in obedience to a resolution of the Grand Chapter, he had summoned CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, Past Grand Treasurer, to appear at this session of the Grand Chapter, to answer to certain charges against him.

The Grand Secretary also reported that, in obedience to a resolution of the Grand Chapter, he had issued orders or powers of attorney, under the seal of the Grand Chapter, to demand the Warrants of Chapters and Mark Lodges in arrears for dues, as follows:

Hartford Mark Lodge, No. 45,	to Comp. Calvin Jillson.
Tyrian " " 66,	" Amos Curtis.
Bethsaida " " 82,	" Jonathan Edgcomb.
St. Andrew's Chapter, " 14,	" Martin Keller.

And that the powers in the three first mentioned cases have been duly executed, and the Warrants returned.

The Grand Secretary also further reported the names of the Chapters which have not complied with the 6th section of the 4th article of the Constitution, which requires that every Chapter shall have a seal; and that an impression thereof, with

a description of the device, in writing, shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary.

Ordered, That both of the foregoing reports be referred to a select Committee, consisting of Comps. WILLIAM JONES, TALMADGE FAIRCHILD, and NATHANIEL CAULKING.

On motion of Comp. BRADLEY,

Ordered, That the business of this Grand Chapter, on each day, be opened and closed with prayer.

Several petitions for Warrants to hold Chapters were read, and referred to the Committee on that subject.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet again on the Mark degree at ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and to open on the Royal Arch degree at four o'clock this afternoon.

FEBRUARY 7TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Royal Arch degree, in due form.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of this Grand Chapter on the subject of the erection of a masonic hall in the City of Albany, reported:

That they had attended to the duties assigned them, and had addressed letters to the presiding officers of the several subordinate Chapters in this State, requesting information as to what amount of stock the Chapters would respectively take in a fund to be created to accomplish the contemplated object,—that but few letters had been received in answer to their communications, and very little encouragement given of assistance in the undertaking. Believing, however, as your Committee do, that the prosperity and reputation of the fraternity in this State would be essentially promoted by the erection of a splendid masonic hall as soon as sufficient funds can be procured, for the purpose of obtaining the same, they would recommend the adoption of the articles of association accompanying this report, with such amendments or alterations as the Grand Chapter may think proper to make. The amount of available funds of this Grand Chapter is about \$7,700.00.

It was made the duty of your Committee to cause a plan or design of the contemplated hall to be drawn, which, it will be perceived, it was impossible for them to do, not having procured a lot of ground on which to erect it. They would propose to build not less than one hundred feet by fifty or sixty,

and four stories high ; several eligible building lots are for sale, which of them will ultimately be selected is not known. The probable expense of the lot and building will be from \$60,000.00 to \$100,000.00

EZRA AMES,
RICHARD PENNELL,
ASA FITCH,
LEVI BEARDSLEY,
ELISHA GILBERT.

The above report, and the articles of association accompanying the same, were referred to a Committee consisting of Comps. BALDWIN, B. ENOS, ST. J. B. L. SKINNER, RYCKMAN, B. SMITH, and MOORE, who afterwards made the following report :

That they have had the same under consideration, and fully concur in the opinion that the time has arrived for the speedy and efficient adoption of measures to erect and complete a New York State Masonic Hall. The form of articles of association presented by that Committee has been examined by your Committee, and they respectfully suggest several alterations, and with those amendments recommend its adoption. Your Committee cannot close this report without an emphatic expression of their unanimous recommendation of a system of policy which shall speedily result in the erection of an edifice suited to the age in which we live, to the honor, dignity, and glory of our order, and the increased, and rapidly increasing prosperity of the craft.

[While the above report and the articles of association accompanying the same were under consideration, it was discovered that the articles were incompatible with the act incorporating the Grand Chapter.]

Whereupon, on motion of Comp. BALDWIN, it was

Resolved, That the Trustees of this Grand Chapter be instructed to take early measures to procure an amendment to the Charter incorporating this Grand Chapter, for the purpose of enabling it to erect a State Masonic Hall.

A communication from MERIDIAN SUN CHAPTER, No. 86, transmitting the proceedings of the said Chapter on the expulsion of BENAJAH B. PHELPS for unmasonic conduct, was read, and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

A communication from NORTHERN CONSTELLATION CHAPTER, No. 28, relative to the expulsion of JOSEPH H. JACKSON, and one from JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER, No. 78, relative to the expulsion of WILLIAM McDONNELL, were read, and referred to the same Committee.

A memorial from CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 57, setting forth that an election for officers in said Chapter was neglected to be had at the time required by the Constitution, and praying for leave

to hold an election, was read, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. HOWARD, BRADLEY, and MOORE.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet on the Royal Arch degree, at eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 8TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

Grand Chapter met on the Mark degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :—Officers and members as before.

Several petitions for charity were read, and referred to the Committee on Charity.

A memorial from JERUSALEM TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 52, praying for a remission of a part of its dues to the Grand Chapter, accompanied with the returns of said Chapter for several years past, was read, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. J. L. SMITH, LAWRENCE, and CAMP.

On motion of Comp. JILLSON:

Resolved, That the funds of HARTFORD MARK LODGE, No. 45, the Warrant of which has been surrendered at this session, become the property of DR LA FAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 9, which has been established in the immediate vicinity of the Lodge.

The Trustees reported as follows :

The funds of the Grand Chapter, exclusive of the receipts of the present session, are as follows :

Four hundred and nine shares of the stock of Mechanics' and Farmers' Bank of the City of Albany, on which has been paid \$12.00 per share,	\$4,908 00
Cash deposited in said bank to the credit of the Grand Chapter,	1,025 52
Cash deposited in said bank to the credit of G. L. Dox, Grand Treasurer,	987 22
Uncurrent bills of Niagara Bank,	\$31 00
Sold since last session, discount,	62½— 30 37½
Balance due on Salem Town's note, and interest to Feb. 4, 1826,	382 43
C. C. Yates' mortgage,	5,000 00
Eight years' interest,	2,800 00— 7,800 00
A demand against Joel Hart, late D. G. H. P., for money received of Eagle Chapter, No. 54, which should have been paid in Feb., 1817,	60 00
Nine years' interest,	37 80— 97 80
Total,	\$15,231 34½

A petition of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, praying that the amount of dues paid by said Chapter might be returned to it, for the purpose of assisting in building a masonic hall, was read.

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw the petition.

The Mark lecture was given by Comps. ENOS and WADSWORTH.

The Grand Chapter then closed on the Mark degree, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

The amendments to the Constitution, which were proposed at the last meeting, were considered, and severally rejected.

Adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 8TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, and the applications for Warrants, reported in part:

That they had examined the said reports, and the papers accompanying the same, and find that the proceedings of the said officers have been correct; and that the following Warrants ought, in their opinion, to be granted, viz:

To Comps. DAVID PEASE, H. P., ONESIMUS MEAD, K., ENOS CUSHING, S., and others to hold a Chapter at Cazenovia, in the County of Madison, by the name of CAZENOVIA CHAPTER, No. 105.

To Comps. ROBERT MONELL, H. P., LEVI FARR, K., GEORGE WHEELER, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Greene, in the County of Chenango, by the name of GREENE CHAPTER, No. 106.

To Comps. LEVI HOVEY, H. P., CHARLES LITTLE, K., GEORGE ATWELL, S., and others to hold a Chapter at Avon, Livingston County, by the name of MORNING STAR CHAPTER, No. 107.

To Comps. JOSEPH B. MOORE, H. P., JOHN I. FRISBEE, K., LUTHER C. SPENCER, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Rensselaerville, Albany County, by the name of WADSWORTH CHAPTER, No. 108.

To Comps. ETHAN ESTABROOK, H. P., LOSEE VAN NOSTRAND, K., I. G. T. HUNT, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Brooklyn, County of Kings, by the name of NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 109.

To Comps. ARETUS HASKELL, H. P., GUSTAVUS CLARK, K., ENOS

TWICKWELL, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Brockport, Monroe County, by the name of **MONROE CHAPTER**, No. 110.

To Comps. **SILAS JUDD**, H.: P.:, **THOMAS SPENCER**, K.:, **SYLVANUS GUERNSEY**, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Lenox, County of Madison, by the name of **LENOX CHAPTER**, No. 111.

To Comps. **EBENEZER STEARNS**, H.: P.:, **AARON VAIL**, K.:, **CHARLES LEIGH**, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County, by the name of **HOOSICK CHAPTER**, No. 112.

To Comps. **SIMON LATHROP**, H.: P.:, **NATHAN SAGER**, K.:, **JOHN WEBSTER**, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Victory, Cayuga County, by the name of **TOMPKINS CHAPTER**, No. 113.

To Comps. **CALVIN THOMPSON**, H.: P.:, **JOSEPH ENOS**, K.:, **NATHAN HOWARD**, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Sand Lake, Rensselaer County, by the name of **RENSSLAER CHAPTER**, No. 114.

The report was accepted, and it was

Ordered, That Warrants be issued accordingly.

The Grand Council, to whom was referred the charges against Comp. **DANIEL PARKER**, H.: P.: of **MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER**, No. 75, reported:

That the Grand High Priest has had an interview with Comp. **PARKER** on the subject of his tracts, as he calls them, and by referring to a letter from the said **PARKER**, which accompanies this report, dated Jan. 30th, 1826, to Comp. **AMES**, it will be perceived that he admits the substance of the charges against him, and justifies his conduct. The Grand Chapter will therein discover the reasons which he urges in his defence. The Grand Council are in possession of his tract with explanations, which it is unnecessary to detail in this report.

The report was received, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. **FROH**, **WILBUR**, and **BERRY**.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 9TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

On the report of the Committee to whom the matter was referred, **CYRUS CHAPTER**, No. 57, was authorized to assemble, elect its officers, and proceed to business, as if the same had

been done on the regular meeting next preceding the festival of St. John the Evangelist.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers.

The M. E. EZRA AMES, Grand High Priest, M. E. RICHARD PENNELL, Deputy Grand High Priest, and E. JOSEPH ENOS, Grand King, declined a re-election to their respective offices.

The following Companions were then elected:

M. E. ASA FITCH, of Salem,	Grand High Priest.
" EZRA S. COZIER, of Utica,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. ORVILLE HUNGERFORD, of Water- town,	Grand King.
" JONATHAN EIGHTS, of Albany, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN ORTON COLE, of Albany, . . .	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT L. DOX, of Albany,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. JOSEPH PRENTISS, of Catskill, .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., of New Lebanon, .	Grand Marshal.
" CHARLES HEWETT, of Albany, appointed	Grand Sentinel.

Adjourned to meet at four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 9TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the proceedings of MERIDIAN SUN CHAPTER, No. 86, relative to the expulsion of BENAJAH B. PHELPS, reported:

That they find the proceedings formal, and the cause sufficient to warrant the expulsion, and recommend that it be confirmed.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the proceedings of the said Chapter in expelling BENAJAH B. PHELPS be, and the same are hereby confirmed.

The same Committee, to whom was referred the communication from JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER, No. 78, relative to the expulsion of WILLIAM McDONNELL, a Mark Master Mason, report:

That, by the 8th section of the 4th article of the Constitution, it is required that in cases of punishment by expulsion, "the nature of the offense, with a

copy of the proceedings thereon, shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary," which having been omitted in this case, the Committee recommend that the Grand Secretary return the said communication to JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER, to the intent that they may comply with the requirements of the Constitution.

C. MASTEN,
Chairman.

The same Committee, to whom was referred the communication from NORTHERN CONSTELLATION CHAPTER, No. 28, relative to the expulsion of JOSEPH H. JACKSON, reported:

That the offence charged is inebriety; that the Companions of that Chapter have labored much with him, without effect, and have finally proceeded to expel him by a unanimous vote. The Committee further report, that the delegate from that Chapter has stated it now to be the wish of a majority of the members of that Chapter that some further opportunity may be had to labor with him, in the hope that they may ultimately succeed in restoring the Companion to his former good standing.

The Committee, finding a defect in the statement of the proceedings, inasmuch as it does not appear that Comp. JACKSON had any notice of the proceedings, recommend that the said statement of facts be returned to said Chapter for its reconsideration, as well as to pursue a proper course.

C. MASTEN,
Chairman.

The reports were accepted and severally approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the several communications from the Grand Chapters of other States, reported that no order of this Grand Chapter appeared to be necessary to be taken upon anything contained in the said communications.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 10TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Officers elect were severally installed into their respective offices.

The Committee appointed to examine the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's books, and to whom was referred the report of the Trustees, reported:

That they had examined the said books, and found them in all respects

correct, except two several sums of \$6.00 each paid to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for services as Trustees, of which your Committee doubt the propriety, they being salaried officers. The charges, however, were made in conformity to a precedent long before established. The report of the Trustees, with the documents accompanying the same, have been examined and found correct. In relation to the demand against Comp. SALEM TOWN, they have to observe, that on the 5th February, 1824, the following resolution was adopted by the Grand Chapter:

Resolved, That the Trustees be requested to collect Comp. SALEM TOWN's note, unless he gives ample security for the amount due."

Your Committee are fully sensible that Comp. TOWN has done much for the institution of masonry, and that great good feeling exists towards him by the members of this Grand Chapter, yet your Committee are of opinion that it would be unwise and unsafe to suffer anything of this kind to cause a relaxation in the rigid discharge of duty in relation to pecuniary concerns, for they have always found that debts due subordinate Chapters grow worse by delay, and they presume the same remark is true in relation to the Grand Chapter. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the following resolutions be adopted.

Resolved, That while the Secretary and Treasurer receive a salary for their services, they are not entitled to any further compensation as members of the board of Trustees.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary notify Comp. TOWN that, unless he shall give ample security for the debt due from him by the first day of April next, the same will be put in suit; and in case he shall neglect to give such security, it shall then be the duty of the Trustees to hand the same to an attorney for collection.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. HUNGERFORD,
Chairman.

The report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

On motion of Comp. JOHNSON:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M. E. EZRA AMES, Past Grand High Priest, for his long, able, and satisfactory discharge of the duties of his office; and that the present Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, be authorized to prepare a suitable testimonial to be presented to him at the next annual meeting of this Grand Chapter; and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the expense of the same, provided it shall not exceed the sum of \$250.00.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to the Rev. Grand Chaplain for his excellent and appropriate prayer and address, delivered at the opening of the session, and that he be respectfully requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay to the Grand Chaplain the sum of \$25.00.

On motion of Comp. MARSH, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, In proceeding against Companions and Brothers charged with offences, it is proper and necessary to adopt a uniform practice, to enable the Grand Chapter to pronounce a final decision thereon, therefore

Resolved, That if any Companion or Brother shall be charged with any misdemeanor, he shall be summoned to appear before the Chapter or Mark Master's Lodge to which he belongs, or a Committee appointed for the purpose of investigating the same; or if he belongs to no Chapter or Mark Lodge within this State, then he shall be summoned to appear before the nearest Chapter to his residence; such summons shall be in writing, designating the time when, and the place where, such Chapter, Lodge, or Committee shall assemble, and, together with a copy of the charges and specifications preferred against him, and the names of the complainants, shall be served personally if the accused can be found, and if not found, shall be left at his last place of residence; all of which shall be duly attested by the Secretary of such Chapter or Lodge; and he shall have reasonable time to prepare for his defence. If he does not appear to the summons, the plea of not guilty shall be made for him by the Secretary, and trial had thereon; otherwise all proceedings upon such charges and specifications shall be deemed irregular and void.

A memorial of CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, former Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, on the subject of his having been summoned to appear before the Grand Chapter at its present session, and relative to the demand of the Grand Chapter against him, and complaining of the treatment of the attorney of the Grand Chapter, was read, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. JOHNSON, STEELE, MOORE, BALDWIN, and SAVAGE.

The Committee to whom was referred the several applications for Warrants made a further report, recommending the granting of Warrants in the following cases, viz:

To Comps. GUY D. COMSTOCK, H. P., PETER H. WARREN, K., JOHN BOLTON, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Columbia, Herkimer County, by the name of COLUMBIA CHAPTER, No. 115.

To Comps. NATHAN B. LOBDELL, H. P., SAMUEL DUNCAN, K., LEMUEL D. SABIN, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Northampton, Montgomery County, by the name of SACHONDAGA CHAPTER, No. 116.

To Comps. JAMES P. BORTLE, H. P., JOHN DAGGETT, K., THEODORE PARTRIDGE, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Arcadia, Wayne County, by the name of NEWARK CHAPTER, No. 117.

To Comps. JOB BIGELOW, H. P., ARCHIBALD GRIFFITH, K., JARVIS BLOOMFIELD, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Concord, Erie County, by the name of SPRINGVILLE CHAPTER, No. 118.

To Comps. HANFORD CONGER, H.: P.:, HORATIO WARREN, K.:, OWEN COTTON, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Attica, Genesee County, by the name of GENESEE CHAPTER, No. 119.

To Comps. ABEL MORSE, H.: P.:, SAMUEL COOLEY, K.:, JOHN A. OTIS, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Laurens, Otsego County, by the name of LAURENS CHAPTER, No. 120.

To Comps. WILLIAM KING, H.: P.:, WILLIAM HOTCHKISS, K.:, PARKHURST WHITNEY, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Lewiston, Niagara County, by the name of BENEVOLENT CHAPTER, No. 121.

To Brn. JOHN EDGERTON, M.:, JOHN THOMPSON, S.: W.:, WILLIAM BETTS, Jun., J.: W.:, and others, to hold a Mark Lodge at Franklin, Delaware County, by the name of BYRON MARK LODGE, No. —.

The report was received, and Warrants were ordered to be issued accordingly.

The same Committee further reported:

That they deemed it inexpedient to grant Warrants on the applications to hold Chapters at Canajoharie, Mexico, Guilford, Butternuts, and Oswego Falls; and they also report that the petition of BAINBRIDGE CHAPTER, No. 80, for leave to strike out the word "South" from its Warrant, to enable it to hold meetings in any part of the Town of Bainbridge, instead of being confined to South Bainbridge, ought to be granted.

The report was accepted, and the leave prayed for by BAINBRIDGE CHAPTER granted.

The Committee to whom was referred the charges and specifications against Comp. JOEL HART, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, reported:

That they have had the subject under consideration, and it appears that Comp. HART, in October, 1817, received \$60.00 for a Dispensation granted by him; that on the 6th of November following, he was ordered to repair, as United States Consul, to Scotland, and left New York on the 9th. And it appears satisfactory to the Committee that Comp. HART did, previous to his departure, hand to Comp. ELIAS NOAH the petition and money, requesting him to send them to the M.: E.: EZRA AMES; that on his return in the spring of 1822, he learned that the money had not been paid, and, on inquiry, Comp. NOAH admitted that imperious necessity had compelled him to use the money. Comp. HART then promised to pay the amount by installments, and sent his notes to the Grand Chapter for that purpose, which were refused. And the Committee are fully satisfied, from the representations of M.: E.: Comp. PENNELL, and other Companions from New York, that Comp. HART is unable to pay any part of the amount charged against him, and recommend that the Grand Chapter discharge him from the same.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH ENOS,
JAMES WHITE,
DANIEL HALE, Jun.

The report was accepted, whereupon it was

Resolved, That Comp. JOEL HART be discharged from the charges and specifications preferred against him, and the amount charged against him be remitted.

A memorial from SALINA CHAPTER, No. 70, representing that the Warrant of said Chapter had been lost, and praying for a new one, having been read, it was

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial be granted.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Council, in relation to the charges against Comp. DANIEL PARKER, reported:

That they deemed the publication of the tract alluded to in said charges, and which the said PARKER, in the letter accompanying the report, admits he has published, a direct violation of the long established usages of the fraternity. The Committee have also perused the letter in which the said PARKER justifies the said publication, and cannot forbear giving it as their decided opinion that the language it contains is highly indecorous and insulting to the Grand Council; and that said Comp. PARKER ought to be suspended or expelled from all participation in the benefits of masonry.

Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That DANIEL PARKER, High Priest of MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 75, be and he is hereby expelled from this Grand Chapter, and from all communication with the Chapters and Mark Lodges under the jurisdiction of the same.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, Past Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, and the documents accompanying the same, submitted a report reciting the acts of the said YATES, and the action of the Grand Chapter in relation thereto:

* * * * * Your Committee are constrained further to add, that, from an examination of the books and minutes of this Grand Chapter, the memorial presented by said YATES is not sustained or substantiated in any material point of charge, and are happy to say, from the slight investigation of the conduct of Comp. BRUSH, there is no cause of censure.

Your Committee would further report, that, in their opinion, the said memorial is highly indecorous and improper, not only as it relates to Comp. BRUSH, but is an indignity to this Grand Chapter, under the foregoing cir-

cumstances. The Committee therefore recommend the appointment of a Committee to prepare charges, and investigate the same, against Comp. YATES, and positively report their proceedings on the first day of the meeting of the next Grand Chapter.

The report was accepted, the recommendation adopted, and Comps. EIGHTS, COLE, and RYCKMAN, appointed such Committee.

Comp. JOHN BRUSH, attorney of the Grand Chapter, was requested to report, without delay, the situation of the suit against CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, when the mortgage sale would be completed, together with costs.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 11TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. ENOS and WADSWORTH, Grand Visitors for the ensuing year.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M.^r. E.^r. RICHARD PENNELL, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, and to E.^r. JOSEPH ENOS, Past Grand King, for the promptness and ability with which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices.

Comp. BRUSH, the attorney of the Grand Chapter, submitted a report of matters connected with the claim against Comp. C. C. YATES, pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of JERUSALEM TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 52, reported that the said Chapter was in arrears for one year's dues only, and recommended that it be considered in good standing, and have further time to pay the balance due.

The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's report as related to the demand of Warrants forfeited by Chapters and Mark Lodges, and relative to the seals of Chapters, reported:

That ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, No. 14, has been called upon to surrender

its Warrant, pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Chapter; but, in consequence of an engagement on the part of the officers of that Chapter that all arrearages should be paid at the present session, they were permitted to retain the Warrant. This engagement not having been performed, the Committee recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to call upon the said Chapter to surrender its Warrant, jewels, funds, and furniture, agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution on that subject.

The Committee further report that the demand for the Warrants of HARTFORD MARK LODGE, No. 45, TYRIAN MARK LODGE, No. 66, and BETHSAIDA MARK LODGE, No. 82, have been complied with, and the Warrants returned.

In relation to that part of the report of the Grand Secretary on the subject of Chapter seals, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That no representative of any subordinate Chapter be hereafter allowed a seat in this Grand Chapter until such Chapter shall have complied with that part of the Constitution which requires them to deposit a copy of their respective seals.

The report was received, and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Charity reported in favor of granting the following:

Widow Catharine Clark,	\$75 00
" Caroline Peck,	75 00
" Hall,	75 00
" Welton,	50 00
" McPherson,	50 00
" Derby,	50 00
" Osterhoudt,	50 00
" Buchanan,	50 00
Simon Dakin,	50 00
Elihu Ells,	50 00
Alinos Matthews,	100 00
Total,	\$675 00

The report was received and adopted, and the Grand Treasurer was directed to pay the respective amounts.

The Royal Arch lecture was given by Comps. WADSWORTH and BULL.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Grand Chapter in the Mark degree be confirmed.

Resolved, That the sum of \$150.00 be allowed the Grand Secretary as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the Assistant Grand Secretary be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services during the present session.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be allowed the sum of \$50.00 as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services as Grand Marshal, in addition to his pay as a member, and that he be allowed the same for the time spent in attendance upon the Grand Council previous to the session of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, be allowed the sum of \$30.00 for the use of its hall and furniture during the present session.

Resolved, That Comp. HEWETT's bill for articles furnished and for services as Grand Sentinel, amounting to \$51.66, be paid.

Resolved, That the bills for printing, postage, and stationery, amounting to \$50.91, be paid.

The Grand Secretary reported the following Chapters as constitutionally in default for the non-payment of dues:

St. Andrew's, No. 14, 10 years.	New Jerusalem, No. 47, 2 years.
Orange, " 33, 8 "	Billings, " 84, 2 "
Washington, " 41, 8 "	

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS THIS SESSION.

<i>Receipts</i> —Dues from Chapters,	\$3,460 22
Warrants Granted,	960 00
Total,	\$4,420 22
<i>Disbursements</i> —Paid Representatives,	2,163 57
Officers, etc.,	752 49
Charity,	675 00
Total,	\$3,591 06

After an appropriate prayer, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1827.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, February 6th, 5827.

PRESENT:

M. E.	ASA FITCH,	Grand High Priest.
"	EZRA S. COZIER	Deputy Grand High Priest.
"	ORVILLE HUNGERFORD,	Grand King.
"	JONATHAN EIGHTS.	Grand Scribe.
"	JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
"	GERRIT L. DOX,	Grand Treasurer.
"	REV. JOSEPH PRENTISS,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp.	JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
"	CHARLES HEWETT,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E.	EZRA AMES,	P. G. H. P.
"	RICHARD PENNELL,	P. D. G. H. P.
"	JOSEPH ENOS,	P. G. K.
"	DANIEL HALE, Jun.,	P. G. K.
"	ELISHA GILBERT,	P. G. S.
"	ADONIJAH SKINNER,	P. G. S.
"	EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.
"	AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	P. G. S.

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters, who presented the necessary credentials, and took their seats as members:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Alexander Cuskaden.
3. Phoenix,	Daniel F. Lee.
4. Montgomery,	Munson Smith.
	Alexander Bryant.
	Wm. B. Slocum.
5. Temple,	Jonathan Eights.
	J. T. B. Van Vechten.
	W. Esleek.
6. Hudson,	J. Hunt.
	Cyrus Curtiss.
	A. L. Jordan.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
7. Horeb,	Eli Savage. Nathaniel Caulking.
8. Jerusalem,	Joseph Hoxie.
9. De La Fayette,	Aaron Ingalsbee, Jun. Wm. E. Congdon.
10. Federal,	Wm. McFarland,
13. Lebanon,	Wm. H. Toby. Henry D. Wright. George G. Bull.
16. Rising Sun,	S. Spencer.
19. Fredonian,	Lebbeus Chapman. John F. Sibell.
21. New Concord,	S. E. Hudson. P. Hudson.
22. Warren,	Henry Palmer.
23. Warren,	John Dix.
24. St. Lawrence,	Jabez Willes.
25. Harmony,	Lewis F. Starkey.
26. Otsego,	Job Potter. Henry Fish.
27. Herkimer,	E. P. Seymour.
28. Northern Constellation,	Samuel Peck.
29. Washington,	Benjamin Enos.
30. John the Baptist,	Warren Parsons.
31. Solomon,	Stephen Cleveland.
34. David's,	Richard L. Smith.
35. Western Star,	Daniel White.
36. Geneva,	Jarvis L. Smith.
37. Williams,	Alexander P. Fonda.
38. New Berlin,	Wm. Hall J. Pike. A. Baker.
39. Plattsburgh,	F. P. Allen.
40. Mount Hope,	Isaac Otis.
42. Elmira,	J. H. Knapp.
45. Montgomery,	Alinos Matthews.
46. North East,	John. W. Snyder. F. J. Curtis.
48. Apollo,	Samuel Pitcher.
49. Washington,	M. H. White.
50. Cyrus,	David B. Parsons.
51. Richmond,	John Brownall.
53. Hiram Union,	J. G. Van Deusen. Joseph Eigenbroadt.
54. Eagle,	Thomas Cleary.
55. Glens Falls,	James White.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
56. Friendship,	John Rider.
57. Cyrus,	N. F. Beck. E. Babcock.
57. Oneida,	Thomas Lattimore. E. S. Barnum. B. Ballou.
58. Eagle,	Cyrus Beers.
59. Watertown,	Gideon W. Wells.
62. Hamilton,	Jacob Gould. Ebenezer Watts.
63. Ogdensburgh,	S. Gilbert.
67. Western Sun,	E. P. Upham. E. T. Foot. Samuel A. Brown.
68. Sackett's Harbor,	Jason Phelps.
69. Amber,	James M. Allen.
70. Salina,	Noah Tubbs.
71. Niagara,	Stephen K. Grosvenor.
72. Manlius,	Franklin May.
73. Unadilla,	David Finch.
74. Cherry Valley,	Ansel St. John. A. W. Flint.
75. Mt. Horeb,	H. Van Hovenburgh.
76. Forest,	Leverett Barker.
77. Fidelity,	Nicoll Halsey.
78. Johnstown,	James Root.
79. Palmyra Eagle,	Alexander McIntyre.
80. Bainbridge,	Richard W. Juliand.
81. Amsterdam,	Jubal Livermore.
82. Gaines,	Elihu Mather.
83. Mohawk,	John Christie.
84. Billings,	Walter Smith.
85. Coxsackie,	William Wheeler. John Bartlett.
86. Meridian Sun,	Edmund M. Eldridge.
87. Lyons,	John Adams.
88. Ames,	Eli Bruce.
89. Western Luminary,	Calvin Rumsey.
90. Catskill,	Ira Dubois.
92. Ovid,	Ransom W. Holley.
93. Olive Branch,	Prentice Yeomans.
94. Union,	F. Wiltsee. Silas Butler, Jun.
95. Bradley,	George McClure.
96. Rising Virtue,	Roswell T. Lee.
97. McDonough,	Heman Garlick.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
93. Waterloo,	Isaac Roosa. Jesse Fifield.
100. Penn Yan,	Cornelius Masten.
102. Rome,	Benjamin P. Johnson.
103. St. John's,	Lewis Scott. R. Saxe.
105. Cazenovia,	Enos Cushing.
106. Greene,	Levi Farr.
107. Morning Star,	Harvey Brown.
108. Wadsworth,	Joseph B. Moore.
109. Nassau,	Joseph Sprague.
110. Monroe,	Simeon B. Jewett.
111. Lenox,	Thomas Spencer.
112. Hoosick,	C. M. Davis. David Ball. J. Worthington.
113. Tompkins,	David Horner.
115. Columbia,	John Bolton.
116. Sachondaga,	Nathan B. Lobdell.
117. Newark,	Joseph Miller.
118. Springville,	Job Bigelow.
119. Genesee,	Hanford Conger.
120. Laurens,	Elijah King.
121. Benevolent,	Parkhurst Whitney.

CHAPTERS U. S. D.

Fidelity,	Hampton Dunham. Charles Cleave. A. D. Wilson.
Temple,	James Herring, Jun.
Oswego Falls,	Abner P. Downer.
Westport,	Joseph Cook.
Delhi,	Amasa Millard.
Cattaraugus,	Augustus F. Hayden.

MARK LODGES.

48. Canajoharie. . . .	Seth Wetmore.
83. Fort Ann,	Joseph M. Bull.

The Grand Chapter was opened on the Mark degree by

M. E. ASA FITCH,	as Master.
E. ORVILLE HUNGERFORD,	as Senior Warden.
" EZRA S. COZIER,	as Junior Warden.
Comp. JOHN O. COLE,	as Secretary.
" GERRIT L. DOX,	as Treasurer.
" JOSEPH HOXIE,	as Master Overseer.
" JAMES WHITE,	as Senior Overseer.
" CORNELIUS MASTEN,	as Junior Overseer.
" CHARLES HEWETT,	as Tiler.

Comps. JOSEPH ENOS, JAMES WHITE, and CORNELIUS MASTEN, were appointed a Committee to examine visitors.

The records of the proceedings of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The M.: E.: DEWITT CLINTON, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, and the E.: LEBBEUS CHAPMAN, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, were received with due honors.

The Grand Chaplain delivered an eloquent and highly instructive address.

On motion of Comp. MASTEN, a Committee was appointed to present the thanks of the Grand Chapter to the Grand Chaplain, for his able and eloquent address, and to solicit a copy for publication.

The Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest reported that they had severally granted Dispensations to organize new Chapters.

Ordered, That the said reports be referred to a Committee to be appointed on applications for Warrants.

The Trustees reported as follows :

The funds of the Grand Chapter, exclusive of the receipts of the present session, are as follows :

Four hundred and nine shares of the stock of the		
Mechanics' and Farmers' Bank,	\$	4,908 00
Cash deposited in said bank,		531 25
Money loaned by Trustees,	\$2,500	00
Interest to Feb. 16, 1827,	151 23—	2,651 23
Salem Town's bond and mortgage,	\$372 19	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1827,	8 13—	380 32
Deduct payment, Jan. 1,	100 00	
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Christopher C. Yates' mortgage,	\$5,000	00
Interest for nine years,	8,150 00—	8,150 00
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Total,		\$16,520 80

The report was referred to a Committee to be appointed to examine the same and the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

A petition from a number of Brethren, praying authority to hold a Mark Lodge in the town of Wilmington, in the County of Essex, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

The Grand Chapter was then adjourned to meet on the Mark degree at ten o'clock to-morrow morning; and to open on the Royal Arch degree at four o'clock this afternoon.

FEBRUARY 6TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

On motion of Comp. JOHNSON, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of seven members be appointed to report what measures are proper to be adopted, relative to the affair of WILLIAM MORGAN.

Comps. PENNELL, JOHNSON, GOULD, MASTEN, R. L. SMITH, BECK, and DANIEL WHITE, were appointed said Committee.

The following Standing Committees were then appointed:

On the Reports of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests and Applications for Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, MASTEN, and MCFARLAND.

On the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's books—Comps. CHAPMAN, TOBY, and R. T. LEE.

On Charity—Comps. J. M. ALLEN, WELLS, and CAULKING.

On Finance—Comps. J. WHITE, BAKER, and GILBERT.

On Grievances—Comps. POTTER, SAVAGE, and J. L. SMITH.

A remonstrance against confirming the Dispensation granted for holding a Chapter in the City of New York, by the name of FIDELITY CHAPTER, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

Several petitions for Warrants to hold Chapters were read, and referred to the same Committee.

Several petitions for Charity were read, and referred to the Committee on Charity.

On motion of Comp. OTIS, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized so to alter the Register and Warrant of MOUNT HOPE CHAPTER, No. 45, as to authorize the holding of the same in the town of Calhoun, which has been created from that part of Walkill where the said Chapter is located.

The Committee who were appointed at the last annual meeting of the Grand Chapter to prepare charges, and investigate the same, against Comp. CHRISTOPHER C. YATES, late Grand Treasurer, reported :

That they have proceeded in the investigation as far as was practicable from the documents in their possession, and they can report nothing further, in point of fact, than is contained in an able and lucid report made at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter, by a Committee appointed on the subject.

Your Committee further report, that they have summoned Comp. YATES to appear before them, and in consequence of his attendance they had a fair and full examination of the subject, and many things were explained which cast a more favorable shade on some transactions which heretofore appeared in a different light.

Your Committee have, therefore, not thought proper to prefer charges against Comp. YATES at the present session of the Grand Chapter, for the following reasons :

1st. That from the investigation too much acrimony, ill-will, and personal hatred (highly unbecoming the conduct of Masons), has been shown by both —by those who have had the conducting of the business on the part of the Grand Chapter, and also by Comp. YATES.

2d. From the conciliatory disposition now manifested by Comp. YATES, your Committee would infer that a settlement with him favorable to the Grand Chapter might be effected.

3d. That from the pecuniary embarrassments under which Comp. YATES has heretofore labored, it has been impossible to make any arrangements with the Grand Chapter. These pecuniary difficulties are in some degree removed, and your Committee flatter themselves that Comp. YATES feels a just sense of his obligations to this body.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the stay of all proceedings against Comp. YATES personally, until the mortgaged premises shall be sold and the balance due the Grand Chapter from him ascertained; and that a Committee be appointed to effect a settlement with him on just and equitable principles.

JONATHAN EIGHTS,
Chairman.

The report was accepted

Comps. VAN VECHTEN, HOXIE, and MOORE, were appointed a Committee to prepare rules of order for transacting the business of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow; and to open on the Royal Arch degree at eleven o'clock.

FEBRUARY 7TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter opened on the Mark degree, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :—Officers and members as before.

The Mark lecture was given by Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and JOHN BULL, Jun.

A communication enclosing the proceedings of NEW BERLIN CHAPTER, No. 38, relative to the expulsion of DAVID HUBBS from said Chapter, was read, and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The Grand Chapter then closed on the Mark degree, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Comp. JOHNSON: .

Resolved, That Comps. EIGHTS, COLE, and ESLEECK, be a Committee to procure suitable accommodations for the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

The communications which had been received during the recess by the Grand Secretary from the several Grand Chapters, were referred to a Committee consisting of Comps. M. SMITH, PITCHER, and CURTISS.

The Committee on the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests' reports, and the several applications for Warrants, reported:

That they have attended to the duties assigned them, and find the acts of the said officers have been correct; and that the following Warrants ought to be granted, viz:

To Comp. LUCIUS SMITH, H.: P.:, WILLIAM SEAVER, Jun., K.:, HENRY BROWN, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Batavia, in the County of Genesee by the name of BATAVIA CHAPTER, No. 122.

To Comps. AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN, H.: P.:, JACOB WADE, K.:, JOSEPH MCCLURE, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Franklinville, in the County of Cattaraugus, by the name of CATTARAUGUS CHAPTER, No. 123.

To Comps. AMASA PARKER, H.: P.:, AMASA MILLARD, K.:, LORENZO HENRY, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Delhi, in the County of Delaware, by the name of DELHI CHAPTER, No. 124.

To Comps. JAMES HERRING, Jun., H.: P.:, FREDERICK G. KING, K.:, NEHEMIAH G. MILES, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter in the City of New York, by the name of TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 125.

To Comps. ABNER P. DOWNER, H.: P.:, JONATHAN WHEAT, K.:, JONA-

THAN CASE, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Volney, in the County of Oswego, by the name of OSWEGO FALLS CHAPTER, No. 126.

To Comps. JOSEPH COOK, H.: P.:, ORRIS PIER, K.:, CALVIN WILLEY, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Westport, in the County of Essex, by the name of WESTPORT CHAPTER, No. 127.

To Comps. ASA HALL, H.: P.:, EPHRAIM BEEMAN, K.:, DANIEL N. WEED, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Greenwich, in the City of New York, by the name of GREENWICH CHAPTER, No. 128.

The report was accepted, and it was ordered that Warrants be issued accordingly.

The same Committee further reported :

That the petition for a Mark Lodge at Wilmington, Essex County, not being properly recommended, cannot constitutionally be granted ; that the petition for a Chapter at Otto, Cattaraugus County, is not recommended by the nearest Chapter, and cannot constitutionally be granted ; that the petition of HIRAM UNION CHAPTER, for leave to remove to any of the adjoining towns, ought not to be granted ; and that in the case of the application of Comps. HAMPTON DUNHAM, CHARLES CLEVE, and ABRAHAM D. WILSON, for a Warrant to hold a Chapter in the City of New York, by the name of FIDELITY CHAPTER, the Committee are not agreed.

The report was accepted, and the Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject of FIDELITY CHAPTER, and the same was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. VAN VECHTEN, HALSEY, SPRAGUE, BENJAMIN ENOS, and BOLTON. •

Adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 7TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :— Officers and members as before.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers, which resulted as follows :

M.: E.: ASA FITCH, of Salem,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD PENNELL, of New York,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.: ORVILLE HUNGERFORD, of Watertown,	Grand King.
" JACOB GOULD, of Rochester,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN ORTON COLE, of Albany,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT L. DOX, of Albany,	Grand Treasurer.
" Rev. JOSEPH PRENTISS, of Catskill,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., of New Lebanon,	Grand Marshal.
" CHARLES HEWETT, of Albany, appointed	Grand Sentinel.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 8TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Officers elect were duly installed.

On motion of Comp. JOHNSON, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to the M.: E.: EZRA S. COZIER, Past Deputy Grand High Priest; and to E.: Comp. JONATHAN EIGHTS, Past Grand Scribe, for the able and satisfactory discharge of the duties of their respective offices during the past year.

Comp. POTTER, from the Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the several expulsions reported to this Grand Chapter, reported:

The Committee have carefully examined the same, and are of opinion that the charges contained in the report of NEW BERLIN CHAPTER, No. 38, against DAVID HUBBY are sufficient, and that the same ought to be affirmed. They are also of opinion that the charges against HORACE OSBORN, contained in the report of FIDELITY CHAPTER, No. 77, are sufficient, and ought to be affirmed. And they further report that the charges against PETER BREWER are not contained in the report of PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 8, and that the charges against BENJAMIN ATTERBURY are not contained in the report of FREDONIAN CHAPTER, No. 19, and ought, therefore, to be returned to their respective Chapters.

The report was accepted, and the expulsions of the said DAVID HUBBY and HORACE OSBORN were affirmed.

Comp. CHAPMAN, from the Committee on the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's books, and to whom was also referred the report of the Trustees, reported:

That they have attended to the duties assigned them, and the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have been correctly kept, and the moneys received by them respectively satisfactorily accounted for. Your Committee further report that the available funds of the Grand Chapter at this time amount to about \$11,500.00, after deducting the expenses attending the several suits at law. Your Committee further report that the Trustees have, with judgment, fidelity and skill, performed the duties incumbent on them as the guardians of the funds of the Grand Chapter; but your Committee would suggest for the consideration of the Grand Chapter the propriety of instructing the Trustees hereafter not to make loans on personal securities alone.

The report was accepted.

The proceedings had in the Mark degree this session were, on motion, confirmed.

The Royal Arch lecture was given by Comps. ENOS and WADSWORTH.

Comp. ALLEN, from the Committee on Charity, made a report relative to the petition of PENN YAN CHAPTER, No. 100, as follows :

It appears that on the 6th day of December last the hall of the said Chapter was destroyed by fire, together with its clothing, jewels, and implements, involving a loss of from \$600.00 to \$800.00, \$300.00 of which was covered by insurance.

Your Committee further report, that they were informed by the Grand Secretary that the receipts of the present year would not exceed the expenses by more than \$300.00, and that the applications from individuals, widows and orphans, were numerous and pressing, and they could not consent to take any portion of the small amount at their disposal for the relief of the petitioners, although they believe them worthy, their cases extraordinary, and that they were highly deserving the consideration of the Grand Chapter. The Committee make this statement of facts that the Grand Chapter may take such action thereon as should appear proper.

The report being under consideration, a proposition was made to appropriate a sum of money for the relief of PENN YAN CHAPTER, No. 100, in consideration of their loss by fire, which was rejected.

Comp. MUNSON SMITH, from the Committee to whom was referred the foreign communications received by this Grand Chapter, reported :

Your Committee have attentively examined the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters referred to them, and while they viewed with pleasure the flourishing condition of the sublime science, they find nothing contained in the several proceedings requiring the particular attention of this Grand Chapter.

The report was accepted.

Adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 8TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :—Officers and members as before.

Comp. CHAPMAN, from a Committee to whom had been re-

ferred the subject of adopting a uniform certificate or diploma, made a report, and presented a form of such certificate, which report was, on motion, laid on the table.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 9TH, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

On motion of Comp. CHAPMAN, the Committee on the subject of adopting a uniform certificate had leave to withdraw their report.

The Grand Secretary was directed to audit the accounts of the representatives of this Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter for travel and attendance, allowing to each at the same rate as is allowed to members of this Grand Chapter.

The sum of \$25.00 was ordered to be paid to the Grand Chaplain in addition to his pay as a member.

The Committee on Charity, to whom were referred the several petitions for relief, reported in favor of granting the following:

To widow Jane Buchanan, of New York,	\$25 00
" " Elizabeth Forrester, "	25 00
" " Caroline Peck, "	25 00
" " Margaret Alexander, of Whitestown, .	50 00
" " Perady, of Troy, .	40 00
" " Gertrude Osterhoudt, of Kingston, .	30 00
" " Abigail Hibbard, of Carmel, .	25 00
" Comp. A. B. Fuller, of Concord, .	30 00
" " Abraham Jacobs, of New York, .	25 00
" " Morris T. Carpenter, of Greenfield, .	20 00
Total,	<u>\$295 00</u>

The report was accepted, and the Grand Treasurer was directed to pay the said several sums.

Adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 9TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

On motion of Comp. HOXSIE, it was

Resolved, That the Deputy Grand High Priest, together with the present delegation from the several Chapters in the City of New York and Brooklyn, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to be denominated a Committee of Charity, for the purpose of dispensing charity to distressed Companions out of such moneys as may be placed at their disposal by the several Chapters which they represent, which donations or charities diffused shall be in the name of this Grand Chapter.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of FIDELITY CHAPTER (now working under dispensation) for a Warrant, reported as follows:

That we have examined the facts in relation to said petition, and have been attended by the applicants and the delegation from New York; and, after a full investigation of the case, have come to the conclusion that the said application ought not to be granted.

Your Committee are of opinion that the facts presented to them ought not to be stated, inasmuch as a knowledge of them can be of no advantage to the Grand Chapter, and may produce individual injury.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 10TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Resolved, That the sum of \$150.00 be allowed the Grand Secretary as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the Assistant Grand Secretary be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services during the present session.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be allowed \$50.00 as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services as Grand Marshal in addition to his pay as a member, including one day previous and one day after the close of the Grand Chapter and the session of the Trustees.

Resolved, That TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, be allowed the sum of \$30.00 for the use of its hall and furniture during the present session.

Resolved, That the bills for printing, advertising, postage, and stationery, amounting to \$63.43, be paid.

Resolved, That Comp. HEWETT's bill for articles furnished the Grand Chap-

ter during the present session, be referred to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to audit and pay at their discretion; and that \$5.00 per day be allowed for services—to be divided equally between him and Comp. HIGGINS, Assistant Grand Sentinel.

Resolved, That the sum of \$19.74 be paid to Comp. Dox, in consequence of an error in the settlement of his account as Grand Treasurer in the year 1822.

Resolved, That the expenditures incurred by the members of the Building Committee, appointed at a previous session, be paid.

Resolved, That the sum of \$1,000.00 be placed at the disposal of the Trustees, to be by them in their discretion applied to charitable purposes.

The Committee appointed by resolution of the Grand Chapter, on the affair of WILLIAM MORGAN, made the following report, which was accepted, and the preamble and resolutions adopted:

That they have attended to the duties assigned them, and that from the highly agitated and inflamed state of public feeling on this subject, and from the false and undeserved imputations which have been thrown upon Free Masons and the masonic order generally, your Committee deem it proper that this Grand Chapter should make a public expression of its sentiments in relation to the affair alluded to. Your Committee, as expressive of their views on this subject, would offer for the consideration of the Grand Chapter the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, The rights of personal liberty and security are guaranteed by the free constitution under which we, the members of this Grand Chapter, in common with the rest of our fellow-citizens, have the happiness to live; and

Whereas, We esteem the preservation of these rights of vital importance to the perpetuity and full enjoyment of the blessings of our republican institutions; and

Whereas, The community has lately witnessed a violation of the same under the alleged pretext of the masonic name and sanction, in the case of WILLIAM MORGAN; and

Whereas, The principles of our ancient and honorable fraternity contain nothing which, in the slightest degree, justify or authorize such proceedings; but, on the contrary, do, in all their tenets and ceremonies, encourage and inculcate a just submission to the laws, the enjoyment of equal rights by every individual, and a high and elevated spirit of personal as well as national independence; therefore

Resolved, By this Grand Chapter, that we, its members, individually and as a body, do disclaim all knowledge or approbation of the said proceedings, in relation to the abduction of the said WILLIAM MORGAN; and that we disapprove of the same, as a violation of the majesty of the laws, and an infringement of the rights of personal liberty secured to every citizen of our free and happy republic.

Adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 10TH, FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Secretary reported the following Chapters as in default for non-payment of dues, viz :

St. Andrew's, No. 14, 7 years.	Washington, No. 41, 9 years
Washington, " 32, 2 "	New Jerusalem, " 47, 3 "
Orange, " 33, 9 "	Clinton, " 61, 2 "

Agreeably to a resolution passed at the last session, the Grand High Priest presented M.: E.: Comp. EZRA AMES, Past Grand High Priest, the testimonial prepared for that purpose, for his long, able, and satisfactory discharge of the duties of his office, accompanied by an address expressing the high sense entertained by the Grand Chapter of his eminent services; to which M.: E.: Comp. AMES made a suitable reply.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. ENOS and WADSWORTH Grand Visitors for the ensuing year.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Dues from subordinates,	\$3,665 29
Fees for Warrants and Dispensations,	480 00
Salem Town's bond,	100 00
Total,	<hr/> \$4,245 29
Paid Representatives,	\$2,790 05
" Grand Officers and other expenses,	972 19
Charitable donations,	295 00
Total,	<hr/> \$4,057 24

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

JOHN O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1828.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, February 5th, A.: L.: 5828.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: ASA FITCH,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD PENNELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.: ORVILLE HUNGERFORD,	Grand King.
" JACOB GOULD,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN ORTON COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT L. DOX,	Grand Treasurer.
Comp. Rev. JOSEPH PRENTISS,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
" CHARLES HEWETT,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	P.: G.: H.: P.:
" EZRA S. COZIER,	P.: D.: G.: H.: P.:
" JOSEPH ENOS,	P.: G.: K.:
" DANIEL HALE, Jun.,	P.: G.: K.:
" ELISHA GILBERT,	P.: G.: S.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:
" ADONIJAH SKINNER,	P.: G.: S.:

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters named in the following table, who presented the necessary credentials as members, and took their seats accordingly:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Richard Rudd.
3. Phoenix,	Oliver M. Lownds.
4. Montgomery,	Munson Smith. Wyatt R. Swift.
5. Temple,	John O. Cole. Gerrit W. Ryckman. J. T. B. VanVechten.
6. Hudson,	Thomas F. King. Charles Gardner.
7. Horeb,	George Stratton. Eli Savage.
8. Jerusalem,	Neil Gray.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
9. De La Fayette,	James W. Porter.
10. Federal,	William McFarland.
13. Lebanon,	George G. Bull. Elias Gates. Harry Pierce.
16. Rising Sun,	Henry C. Atwood.
19. Fredonian,	Henry Marsh.
21. New Concord,	Pliny Hudson.
22. Warren,	Henry Palmer.
23. Warren,	Jonathan Edgcomb.
24. St. Lawrence,	Anthony S. Elderkin.
25. Harmony,	Henry Mitchell.
27. Herkimer,	Edward P. Seymour.
29. Washington,	Benjamin Enos. Luther Nicolls.
30. John the Baptist,	Chauncey Wright.
31. Solomon,	Ebenezer K. Dakin.
36. Geneva,	Samuel Mott.
37. Williams,	Alexander P. Fonda.
38. New Berlin,	William Hall. Rouse Clark.
39. Plattsburgh,	Frederick P. Allen.
42. Elmira,	Darius Bentley.
43. Mount Vernon,	John Sargeant.
45. Montgomery,	Collins Odell.
46. North East,	Frederick J. Curtiss.
48. Apollo,	Samuel Pitcher.
49. Washington,	Moses H. White.
51. Richmond,	John Brownall.
53. Hiram Union,	John G. Van Deusen.
54. Eagle,	Thomas Cleary.
55. Glens Falls,	Henry G. Breese. James White. Charles White.
56. Friendship,	Platt Adams.
57. Cyrus,	Ezra Babcock.
57. Oneida,	Ezra S. Barnum.
58. Eagle,	Cyrus Beers.
59. Watertown,	Gideon W. Wells.
62. Hamilton,	Robert Martin.
63. Ogdensburgh,	Sylvester Gilbert. Josiah Perry.
64. Aurora,	Gardner Kortright.
68. Sackett's Harbor,	Thomas S. Hall.
69. Amber,	Killian V. R. Lansing.
70. Salina,	Morris Kain.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
71. Niagara,	Stephen K. Grosvenor.
72. Manlius,	Robert Gilmore.
74. Cherry Valley,	Lucius H. Allen.
77. Fidelity,	Cornelius P. Heermans.
79. Palmyra Eagle,	Robert W. Smith.
80. Bainbridge,	Samuel Johnson.
83. Mohawk,	Felix Greene, Jun.
85. Coxsackie,	John Bartlett. Tallmadge Fairchild. Silas Holbrook.
89. Western Luminary,	Nathan B. Lee.
90. Catskill,	Ira Dubois.
94. Union,	Silas Butler, Jun.
96. Rising Virtue,	Roswell T. Lee.
98. Waterloo,	Isaac Roosa.
99. Olive Branch,	Samuel G. Dimmick.
103. St. John's,	Rensselaer Saxe.
105. Cazenovia,	Simon C. Hitchcock.
108. Wadsworth,	Ephraim B. Russ.
109. Nassau,	Ralph Malbone.
110. Monroe,	Aretas Haskell.
111. Lenox,	Sylvanus Guernsey.
112. Hoosick,	Charles M. Davis.
114. Rensselaer,	Caleb Finch. Joseph Enos. George Horton.
115. Columbia,	Frederick Bell. Henry Shute.
116. Sachondaga,	Nathan B. Lobdell.
117. Newark,	Joseph Miller.
118. Springville,	Job Bigelow.
121. Benevolent,	Christopher H. Smith.
122. Batavia,	Ebenezer Mix.
123. Cattaraugus,	James L. Bishop.
125. Temple,	Benjamin Armitage, Jun.
126. Oswego Falls,	Bushnel B. Carey.
127. Westport,	Joseph Cook.
128. Greenwich,	James Mowatt.

CHAPTERS U. S. D.

Skaneateles,	James M. Allen.
Coeymans,	Alexander Copeland.

MARK LODGE.

83. Fort Ann,	Charles White.
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The Grand Chapter was opened on the Royal Arch degree.

After a fervent prayer, the Grand Chaplain delivered an appropriate address.

The Trustees submitted the following report:

The funds of the Grand Chapter, exclusive of the receipts of the present session, are as follows:

Four hundred and nine shares of the stock of the Mechanics' and Farmers' Bank, . . .	\$4,908 00
Cash deposited in said Bank, . . .	153 30
Money loaned by Trustees, . . .	\$2,651 23
Interest to February 16, 1828, . . .	159 07
	<hr/> 2,810 30
Salem Town's bond and mortgage, September 11, 1826, balance due, . . .	\$280 32
Interest to January 1, 1828, . . .	19 62
	<hr/> 299 94
C. C. Yates' mortgage, February 6th, 1818, . . .	5,000 00
Interest ten years, . . .	3,500 00
	<hr/> 8,500 00
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Total, . . .	\$16,671 54

The Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, made report of their official acts in granting Dispensations during the past year, which reports were received and referred to the Committee to be appointed on applications for Warrants.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet again at three o'clock.

FEBRUARY 5TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The following Committees were appointed, viz.:

On Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, M. H. WHITE, and McFARLAND.

On the Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. LOWNDS, MARTIN, and STRATTON.

On Charity—Comps. PITCHER, J. ENOS, and HASKELL.

On Grievances—Comps. VAN VECHTEN, S. GILBERT, and BUTLER.

The proceedings of SALINA CHAPTER, No. 70, relative to the expulsion of ANDREW PHARIS, were read, and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The proceedings of RISING SUN CHAPTER, No. 16, relative to the expulsion of JOHN W. BLOOMER, and also the appeal of said BLOOMER from the proceedings, were severally read, and referred to the same Committee.

A petition from sundry Companions residing at Kingston, in the province of Upper Canada, praying for a Warrant to hold a Chapter, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

A communication from the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, on the subject of visitors and certificates, was read, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. MARSH, E. GILBERT, and MCFARLAND.

A communication from the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, on the subject of abolishing the General Grand Chapter of the United States, was read, and referred to the same Committee.

A communication from the Grand Chapter of Maryland, on the subject of the degree of Select Mason, was read, and referred to the Grand Council.

The annual communications from the several Grand Chapters were referred to the Select Committee of which Comp. MARSH is Chairman.

A communication from AMES CHAPTER, No. 88, on the subject of its election of officers, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

The petition of HIRAM UNION CHAPTER, No. 53, praying for leave to remove the said Chapter, and a remonstrance against the same, were read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

The petition of AURORA CHAPTER, No. 64, on the subject of its dues, was read, and referred to the same Committee.

Several petitions for charity were read, and referred to the Committee on that subject.

Comp. JACOB GOULD, Grand Scribe, gave notice that he declined a re-election.

On motion of Comp. GOULD, the first three officers were appointed a Committee to tender the thanks of the Grand Chapter to the Grand Chaplain for his able address, and to request a copy to be filed with the documents of the Grand Chapter; and it was

Resolved, That the sum of \$25.00 be paid to the Grand Chaplain in addition to his pay for travel and attendance.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning on the Mark degree, and on the Royal Arch at eleven o'clock.

FEBRUARY 6TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened on the Mark Master's degree.

The Mark degree lecture was given by Comps. J. ENOS, Jun., and J. BULL, Jun.

The Grand Chapter on the Mark degree was then closed, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree, pursuant to adjournment.

The petition of SACHONDAGA CHAPTER, No. 116, praying for leave to hold the said Chapter in the Town of Edinburgh, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

Comp. VAN VECHTEN, from the Committee on Grievances, made the following report:

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of JOHN W. BLOOMER, from the proceedings of RISING SUN CHAPTER, No. 16, expelling him from that body; and also the report of SALINA CHAPTER, No. 70, of their proceedings relative to the expulsion of ANDREW PHARIS, beg leave to report:

That they have had the said matters under consideration, and after a full investigation of the said appeal, and the proceedings of the Chapter relative thereto, your Committee are of opinion that the proceedings of RISING SUN CHAPTER, No. 16, in the premises have been in all respects correct, and recommend that the same be approved.

In relation to the proceedings of SALINA CHAPTER, your Committee are at a loss whether to consider the same referred to the Grand Chapter for its direction, or merely reported for information. If the latter, your Committee have nothing to report on; but if the former, we are of opinion, that the proceedings of the said Chapter have been altogether more severe than the circumstances of the case, from the evidence before us, would warrant.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,

Chairman.

The report was accepted, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the expulsion of JOHN W. BLOOMER be and the same is hereby ratified.

Resolved, That the expulsion of ANDREW PHARIS, by SALINA CHAPTER, No. 70, be and the same is hereby annulled.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers, with the following result:

M. E.	ASA FITCH, of Salem,	Grand High Priest.
"	RICHARD PENNELL, of New York,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.	ORVILLE HUNGERFORD, of Watertown,	Grand King.
"	BENJAMIN ENOS, of Homer,	Grand Scribe.
"	JOHN ORTON COLE, of Albany,	Grand Secretary.
"	GERRIT L. DOX, of Albany,	Grand Treasurer.
"	Rev. JOSEPH PRENTISS, of Catskill,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp.	JOHN BULL, Jun., of New Lebanon,	Grand Marshal.
"	JESSE P. MITCHELL, of Albany, appointed	Grand Sentinel.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 6TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Royal Arch lecture was given by the Grand High Priest and Comp. BULL.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the consideration of a proposed amendment to the Constitution, requiring the payment of \$100.00 instead of \$60.00 for a Warrant to hold a Chapter, and on motion, the same was adopted.

On motion of Comp. LOWNDS, it was

Resolved, That PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 3, held in the City of New York, be hereafter known and distinguished as PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, and the Grand Secretary be directed to alter the number in the Warrant accordingly.

The Grand Council, to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Chapter of Maryland on the subject of the degree of Select Mason, reported as follows:

That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that it is inexpedient for this Grand Chapter to interfere in the matter.

The report was accepted.

Comp. MARSH, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, respecting visitors and diplomas, reported as follows:

That they have had the subject under consideration and deem it inexpedient for this Grand Chapter to take any order on the same.

The report was accepted.

Comp. MARSH, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, on the subject of the dissolution of the General Grand Chapter, reported as follows:

That they dissent from the opinion of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, and consider that it would be highly improper to recommend that the General Grand Chapter of the United States should be dissolved.

The report was accepted, and it was

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, it would be highly improper to recommend the dissolution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FEBRUARY 7TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Comp. LOWNDS, from the Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and to whom was referred the report of the Trustees, reported:

That they have examined the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct. They have also examined the report of the Trustees and recommend, in reference to the sale of the premises mortgaged by C. C. YATES to the Grand Chapter, that the whole matter be left to the discretion of the Trustees, who appear to have managed the funds with great skill and fidelity.

The report was accepted and approved.

Comp. MARSH, from the Committee to whom was referred the communications from foreign Grand Chapters, reported as follows:

That they have examined the said communications, and find nothing contained in them requiring the particular notice of this Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Warrants reported as follows:

That they have examined the reports of the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, and find their proceedings correct; and that the following Warrants ought to be granted, viz:

To Comps. JAMES M. ALLEN, H. P., SAMUEL PORTER, K., DANIEL KELLOGG, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Skaneateles, Onondaga County, by the name of SKANEATELES CHAPTER, No. 129.

To Comps. ALEXANDER COPELAND, H. P., AARON DORMAN, K., BENJAMIN FREDENBURGH, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Coeymans, Albany County, by the name of COEYMANS CHAPTER, No. 130.

The report was accepted, and Warrants ordered to be issued accordingly.

The Committee further reported, on the application for a Warrant to hold a Chapter at Kingston, Upper Canada :

That they see no reason why a Chapter should not be established there, and they deem it desirable for this Grand Chapter to be in correspondence with them ; but the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter does not extend to that territory. They would, therefore, recommend it to the favorable notice of the General Grand Officers.

The report was accepted and approved.

The Grand Secretary reported the following Chapters as in arrears for dues, viz :

St. Andrew's,	No. 14,	7 years.	Clinton,	No. 61,	3 years.
Washington,	" 32,	3 "	Sullivan,	" 65,	2 "
Orange,	" 83,	10 "	Ontario Temple,	" 66,	2 "
Washington,	" 41,	10 "	Dansville,	" 91,	2 "
Delphi,	" 44,	2 "	Steuben,	" 101,	2 "
New Jerusalem,	" 47,	4 "	Pulaski,	" 104,	2 "
Bethlehem,	" 60,	2 "			

Resolutions were adopted as follows :

Resolved, That the sum of \$150.00 be allowed the Grand Secretary as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the Assistant Grand Secretary be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services during the present session.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be allowed the sum of \$50.00 as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services as Grand Marshal, in addition to his pay as a member, including one day previous and one day after the close of the Grand Chapter and the session of the Trustees.

Resolved, That TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, be allowed the sum of \$50.00 for the use of its hall and furniture the present session.

Resolved, That the bills for printing, etc., amounting to \$34.94, be paid.

Resolved, That Comp. HEWETT's bill, for articles furnished the Grand Chapter during the present session, be referred to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to audit and pay at their discretion, and that \$5.00 per day be allowed for services, to be divided equally between him and Comp. HIGGINS, including one day previous to and one day after the session.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 7TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :—Officers and members as before.

The Committee on Warrants made a further report as follows :

On the subject of the application of SACHONDAGA CHAPTER, No. 116, the Committee would recommend that the town of Edinburgh be added to its jurisdiction, so that said Chapter may meet either in Northampton, its present location, or Edinburgh.

On the subject of the removal of HIRAM UNION CHAPTER, No. 53, from Palatine to Fort Plain, the Committee are of opinion that such leave ought to be granted whenever the approbation of MOHAWK CHAPTER, No. 83, shall be obtained thereto.

On the application of AURORA CHAPTER, No. 64, for remission of dues, the Committee are of opinion that the two years' dues, for which said Chapter is in arrears, ought to be remitted, on condition that the representative of said Chapter relinquish his pay for travel and attendance at this meeting.

On the subject of AMES CHAPTER, No. 88, not holding an election on the day appointed by the Constitution, your Committee are of opinion that the last officers should hold over until another constitutional day for election.

The report was received and approved.

The Committee on Charity recommended donations as follows :

Widow Eleanor Jones, of Utica,	\$30 00
“ Nancy Knight, of Waterloo,	30 00
“ Shaw, of Penn Yan,	30 00
Comp. Nathaniel Caulkins, of New Hartford,	25 00
“ A. B. Fuller, of Ashford,	25 00
“ Reuben Tenny, of Pittsford,	25 00
Total,	<hr/> \$165 00

The report was accepted, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the said several sums of money be paid agreeably to the said report.

On motion of Comp. RYCKMAN, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to E. Comp. JACOB GOULD, Past Grand Scribe, for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office during his continuance in the same.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. ENOS and WADSWORTH Grand Visitors for the ensuing year.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

<i>Receipts</i> —Dues from subordinates,	\$1,949 52
Fees for Warrants,	180 00
Total,	\$2,129 52
<i>Expenditures</i> —Pay of Representatives,	1,823 85
“ Officers, etc.,	615 78
“ Charity,	165 00
	\$2,604 63
Deficit,	\$475 11

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1829.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, February 3d, A.: L.: 5829.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: ASA FITCH,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD PENNELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" BENJAMIN ENOS,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT L. DOX,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. JOSEPH PRENTISS,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JOHN BULL, JUN.,	Grand Marshal.
" JESSE P. MITCHELL,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: EZRA AMES,	P.: G.: H.: P.:
" EZRA S. COZIER,	P.: D.: G.: H.: P.:
E.: JOSEPH ENOS,	P.: G.: K.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:
" AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	P.: G.: S.:
" JACOB GOULD,	P.: G.: S.:

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters mentioned in the following table, who presented their credentials as members, and took their seats accordingly:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Alexander Cuscaden.
2. Phoenix,	Walter Hicks.
4. Montgomery,	Munson Smith. Wyatt R. Swift.
5. Temple,	Jacob T. B. Van Vechten. Daniel P. Marshall.
6. Hudson,	Edmund C. Thurston.
7. Horeb,	Nathaniel Caulking. Eli Savage.
8. Jerusalem,	Richard Pennell.
9. De La Fayette	Aaron Ingalsbe.
10. Federal,	Samuel Stevens.
13. Lebanon,	George G. Bull. Harry Pierce.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
16. Rising Sun,	Sylvester Spencer.
19. Fredonian,	Andrew Williams.
25. Harmony,	Percy Randall.
29. Washington,	Nathan Gillett.
30. John the Baptist,	Orsamus Dibble.
38. New Berlin,	Rouse Clark.
44. Delphi,	Benjamin Enos.
45. Montgomery,	Alinos Matthews.
46. North East,	Frederick J. Curtiss.
48. Apollo,	Samuel Pitcher.
49. Washington,	Solomon Place.
50. Cyrus,	Daniel Barker.
51. Richmond,	Samuel Nickols, 2d.
54. Eagle,	Henry H. Brown.
55. Glens Falls,	James White. Charles White.
56. Friendship,	Hiram B. Jones.
57. Onecida,	Ezra S. Barnum.
58. Eagle,	Cyrus Beers.
59. Watertown,	Abner Baker, Jun.
62. Hamilton,	Robert Martin.
71. Niagara,	Stephen K. Grosvenor.
77. Fidelity,	James McLallen.
80. Bainbridge,	Lewis F. Starkey.
81. Amsterdam,	John A. Sturtevant.
82. Gaines,	Oliver Benton.
83. Mohawk,	Charles C. Chase.
85. Coxsackie,	Talmadge Fairchild. Charles Bartlett.
90. Catskill,	Ira Dubois.
93. Olive Branch,	Stephen Bosworth.
94. Union	Silas Butler, Jun.
96. Rising Virtue,	Dutee W. Slocum.
97. McDonough,	Ralph P. Allen.
103. St. John's,	Woodruff Gibbs.
105. Cazenovia,	Enos Cushing.
106. Greene,	Levi Farr.
108. Wadsworth,	Ephraim B. Russ.
109. Nassau,	Thos. C. Kirk.
114. Rensselaer,	Caleb Finch. James G. Averill.
115. Columbia,	Willard Cleland.
116. Sachondaga,	Nathan B. Lobdell.
118. Springville,	Job Bigelow.
127. Westport,	Joseph Cook.
128. Greenwich,	Charles Cleeve.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
129. Skaneateles,	James M. Allen.
130. Coeymans,	Alexander Copeland.

The Grand Chapter was opened on the Royal Arch degree, in due form.

The Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace in a fervent and appropriate manner.

The record of the proceedings of the last annual meeting was read and approved.

The following Committees were then appointed, viz:

On Charity—Comps. HAYDEN, BROWN, and C. WHITE.

On the Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. GOULD, SPENCER, and PLACE.

On Grievances—Comps. VAN VECHTEN, LOBDELL, and PITCHER.

On Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, BUTLER, and R. P. ALLEN.

A petition from UNION CHAPTER, No. 94, praying leave to change its title, and one from TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 125, praying leave to surrender its Warrant, were read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

A communication from the General Grand Secretary was read, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. Grand Chaplain, AMES, and HAYDEN.

Communications from the several Grand Chapters were referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. J. ENOS, DUBOIS, and J. WHITE.

On motion of Comp. GOULD, a Select Committee was appointed to enquire into the expediency of an examination into the situation of the several Chapters of this State, and the state of masonry in general; which Committee, consisting of Comps. GOULD, COZIER, STEVENS, BARKER, and BAKER, was appointed for that purpose.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 3D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

A petition from LUTHER PRATT, praying for the patronage of the Grand Chapter for a pamphlet of which he is the author, entitled a Defence of Freemasonry, was read, and referred to Committee of which Comp. GOULD is chairman.

The Royal Arch lecture was then given by Comps. ENOS and WADSWORTH.

A petition from NORTH EAST CHAPTER, No. 46, praying for leave to remove the same, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

Adjourned until eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 4TH, ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Opened on the Mark Master's degree in due form.

After a prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Mark lecture was given by Brothers JOSEPH ENOS, Jun., and JOHN BULL, Jun.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered the annual address.

The Grand Chapter was then closed on the Mark degree, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Chapter on the Mark degree be confirmed.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to the Rev. Grand Chaplain for his able address; that the sum of \$25.00 be presented him; that he be solicited to furnish a copy of his address for publication; and that Comps. VAN VECHTEN, PITCHER, and COLE, be a Committee to carry this resolution into effect.

Resolved, That DELPHI CHAPTER, No. 44, which is in arrears for dues for three years, be allowed until the next meeting of the Grand Chapter to pay the same, provided the dues for the current year be paid.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 4TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee of which Comp. GOULD is chairman was

discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Comp. LUTHER PRATT, and the same was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. M. SMITH, MARTIN, and INGALSBE.

On motion of Comp. SMITH, it was

Resolved, That the dues of MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 4, be remitted, on condition that the representatives of that Chapter receive no compensation for travel and attendance at this session of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

M. E. RICHARD PENNELL, of New York,	Grand High Priest.
" EZRA S. COZIER, of Utica,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. BENJAMIN ENOS, of De Ruyter,	Grand King.
" JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN, of Albany,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN ORTON COLE, of Albany,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT L. DOX, of Albany,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. JOSEPH PRENTISS, of Catskill,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., of New Lebanon,	Grand Marshal.
" JESSE P. MITCHELL, of Albany, appointed	Grand Sentinel.

A memorial of NIAGARA CHAPTER, No. 71, praying for relief was read, and referred to the Grand Council.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter reported as follows:

The expenditures amounted to	\$2,606 63
The receipts for the last year were	2,129 52
Leaving a deficit of	\$477 11
To provide for which, the Trustees were compelled to resort to the amount of money deposited in the bank, viz:	\$153 32
To anticipate on amount loaned,	311 62
And to overdraw account in bank,	12 17
Total,	\$477 11
That there has been received since the last session of the Grand Chapter, on the sale of the insurance company's stock, pledged by C. C. Yates,	\$200 65
From which deduct amount overdrawn from bank,	12 17
	\$188 48
Dividend on bank stock,	409 00
Which makes the amount deposited in bank,	\$597 48

The remaining funds of the Grand Chapter consist of

Four hundred and nine shares stock Mechanics' and	
Farmers' Bank,	\$4,908 00
Money loaned,	\$2,500 00
Interest to Feb. 27,	151 23
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	2,651 23
Salem Town's bond and mortgage,	\$280 00
Interest to Jan. 1, 1829,	39 24
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	319 24
C. C. Yates' mortgage,	\$5,000 00
Interest eleven years,	3,850 00
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	8,850 00
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Total,	\$17,325 95

The property mortgaged by CHRISTOPHER C. YATES was sold in November last. The conditions of sale were, that one quarter of the purchase money should be paid on the delivery of the title deeds, the remaining three-fourths to be secured by mortgage on the premises, payable in equal annual installments. The purchaser, however, preferred paying the whole sum, which he has done. The property was sold for \$2,350.00, and the money is in the bank at the disposition of the Trustees. The rents which have been received from the premises have been appropriated towards the payment of the expenses of foreclosing the mortgage; a balance, however, is in the hands of the attorney, as will be perceived by his report.

The report was received and referred to the Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books.

The Committee on Warrants, to whom was referred the Warrant of TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 125, and the petitions of UNION CHAPTER, No. 94, and NORTH EAST CHAPTER, No. 46, reported:

That TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 125, from the best information we have been able to obtain, has exerted itself to exist while a vestige of hope remained. That the pecuniary condition of the Chapter is such that nothing probably will ever be realized from the prosecution of the subject, for the benefit of this Grand Chapter. They would, therefore, recommend that the Warrant be accepted as returned to the Grand Secretary.

The petition of UNION CHAPTER, No. 94, to change its title, they feel, from the representations made to them, that the interests of that Chapter would be promoted by granting the prayer of the petition. They would, therefore, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to alter the style and title of UNION CHAPTER, No. 94, to UNION TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 94.

The petition of NORTH EAST CHAPTER, No. 46, for permission to remove to Pine Plains is reasonable. The Committee, therefore, offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That permission be given NORTH EAST CHAPTER, No. 46, to remove to Pine Plains.

Respectfully submitted,

E. WADSWORTH,
Chairman.

The report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

Comp. GOULD, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the resolution of inquiry as to the condition of the several Chapters and the state of masonry in general, made a report declaring their inability, from want of time, to give the subject that attention which its importance required, and recommended that the Grand Chapter meet on the last Thursday in May next to take into consideration whether any and what measures ought to be adopted for the benefit of the institution of masonry and the welfare of its members.

The report was accepted, and, after due consideration, was rejected.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer reported them correct; and that the report of the Trustees indicated that they had with judgment, fidelity, and skill, performed the duties incumbent upon them as the guardians of the funds of the Grand Chapter.

The report was accepted.

Comp. ENOS, from the Committee to whom was referred the communications of the several Grand Chapters, reported that they had examined the same, and found nothing requiring the particular notice of the Grand Chapter.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 9TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

On motion of M.: E.: Comp. FITCH, it was

Resolved, That WILLIAMS CHAPTER, No. 37, be authorized to remove from the town of Whitehall to the town of Hampton, in the County of Washington, if a majority of the Companions agree to such removal; and that the

present officers of said Chapter be permitted to hold over until new officers shall be elected.

The Committee on Charity reported as follows:

That they had duly examined the various petitions referred to them, and recommend that there be paid to

Widow Wiltzie,	\$50 00
" Mary Pierce,	25 00
" Hale,	30 00
" Abigail Hibbard,	50 00
" Nancy Stiles,	25 00
Comp. A. B. Fuller,	10 00
Total,	<u>\$190 00</u>

The report was accepted, and it was

Resolved, That the said several sums be paid accordingly

Resolved, That the Grand Council be constituted a Committee of Charity for the ensuing year, with authority to expend for charitable purposes a sum not exceeding \$1,500.00.

Comp. M. SMITH, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Comp. LUTHER PRATT, reported:

That they had examined the book entitled "A Defence of Freemasonry." and are of opinion that it is a valuable one, and recommend it to the fraternity in general; but think it inadvisable for the Grand Chapter to purchase it as prayed for. But, believing our worthy Comp. PRATT to be in circumstances that require assistance, recommend that the Grand Chapter give him the sum of \$50.00, or such other sum as it may deem proper.

The report was accepted, and referred to the Grand Council as a Committee of Charity.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of \$150.00 be allowed the Grand Secretary as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Comp. WADSWORTH be allowed \$50.00 for his services during the present session as Assistant Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be allowed the sum of \$50.00 as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services as Grand Marshal, in addition to his pay as a member, including one day previous and one day after the session.

Resolved, That TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, be allowed \$50.00 for the use of its hall and furniture during the present session.

Resolved, That the bills for printing and postage, amounting to \$128.05, be paid.

Resolved, That the Grand Sentinel and Assistant Grand Sentinel be allowed \$25.00; and the bill for articles furnished, amounting to \$10.91, be paid.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and EBENEZER WADSWORTH Grand Visitors for the ensuing year.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Received for dues from subordinates, . . .	\$1,048 86
Paid Representatives,	\$1,092 86
" Officers, etc.,	739 48
" Charity,	190 00—2,021 84
Deficit,	\$972 98

The Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1830.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, the 2d day of February, 5830.

PRESENT:

M. E. RICHARD PENNELL,	Grand High Priest.
" EZRA S. COZIER	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. BENJAMIN ENOS,	Grand King.
" JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN ORTON COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT L. DOX,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. JOSEPH PRENTISS,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. JOSEPH ENOS,	P. G. K.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.
" AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	P. G. S.
" JACOB GOULD,	P. G. S.

And Chapters, by their Representatives, as mentioned in the following table:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Jeremiah Miller.
3. Phoenix,	Mordecai Myers. Charles O'Connor.
5. Temple,	Daniel P. Marshall, Martin Gaylord. James Hunter.
7. Horeb,	King Strong. Eli Savage.
8. Jerusalem,	Thomas W. Letson.
13. Lebanon,	Wm. H. Tobey.
16. Rising Sun,	James Thompson. Francis D. Grosvenor. G. P. Baldwin.
19. Fredonian,	Charles Mowatt.
25. Harmony,	Perez Randal.
29. Washington,	Nathan Gillett.
30. John the Baptist,	Ebenezer Smith.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
38. New Berlin,	Rouse Clark.
44. Delphi,	Bradley Merchant.
	S. G. Sears.
45. Montgomery,	Alinos Matthews.
46. North East,	Frederick J. Curtiss.
50. Cyrus,	Ellis Morse.
57. Oneida,	Ezra S. Barnum.
	John E. Hinman.
58. Eagle,	Cyrus Beers.
59. Watertown,	Abner Baker.
68. Sackett's Harbor,	Thomas S. Hall.
73. Unadilla,	Harvey A. Beach.
76. Forest,	Philo Orton.
80. Bainbridge,	Heman Kelsey.
	Wm. D. Purple.
83. Mohawk,	John Holmes.
85. Coxsackie,	Talmadge Fairchild.
	Charles Bartlett.
88. Ames,	Daniel Washburn.
90. Catskill,	Ira Dubois.
94. Union Temple,	James Mabbett.
96. Rising Virtue,	Roswell T. Lee.
99. Olive Branch,	Samuel G. Dimmick.
103. St. John's,	Rensselaer Saxe.
105. Cazenovia,	Jesse Kilborn.
106. Greene,	Levi Farr.
108. Wadsworth,	Ephraim B. Russ.
	Robert Colvard.
111. Lenox,	Thomas Spencer.
115. Columbia,	Willard Cleland.
116. Sachondaga,	Nathan B. Lobdell.
118. Springville,	Job Bigelow.
121. Beurevolent,	Samuel Barton.
122. Batavia,	Simeon B. Jewett.
128. Greenwich,	Leonard D. House.
129. Skaneateles,	James M. Allen.
	Robert Martin.
	G. W. Ryckman.
130. Coeymans,	Alexander Copeland.

The Grand Chapter was opened on the degree of Mark Master, in due form.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

A memorial of Comp. JOHN E. HINMAN, of ONEIDA CHAPTER,

No. 57, was read, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. VAN VECHTEN, ALLEN, RANDAL, GOULD, MOWATT, JEWETT, and MARTIN.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 2D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

On Charity—Comps. HAYDEN, THOMPSON, and MATTHEWS.

On Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. COZIER, MOWATT, and MERCHANT.

On Grievances—Comps. O'CONNOR, BARNUM, and BAKER.

On Warrants—Comps. WADEWORTH, LETSON, and DUBOIS.

Several petitions for charity were read, and referred to the Committee on Charity.

A communication from OVID CHAPTER, No. 92, surrendering its Warrant, and a similar one from MONROE CHAPTER, No. 110, were read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

A communication from Comp. SALEM TOWN, on the subject of his debt to the Grand Chapter, was read, and referred to the Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered his annual address, for which the thanks of the Grand Chapter were voted, and a donation of \$25.00 was made him in addition to his pay as a member.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 3D, TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The lecture of the degree of Mark Master was given by the Grand Visitors.

The Grand Chapter was then closed on the degree of Mark Master, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Chapter in the Mark degree be and the same are hereby confirmed.

The proceedings of SACHONDAGA CHAPTER, No. 116, in relation to the expulsion of LEBBEUS ARMSTRONG, were read, and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The Trustees made a report, which was read, and referred to the Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books.

The Royal Arch lecture was given by the Grand Visitors.

A petition from DELPHI CHAPTER, No. 44, praying that the name of the said Chapter be changed to "DE RUYTER," was read; whereupon it was

Resolved, That the said Chapter be hereafter known by the name and style of DE RUYTER CHAPTER, No. 44.

On motion of Comp. JEWETT, the Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books was discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Trustees, and the same was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. JEWETT, MABBET, and O'CONNOR.

Comp. COZIER, from the Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books, reported:

That after a careful examination of the said books they find them correct, and have accordingly certified to the same.

On examination of the above-named accounts the Committee are of opinion that it is necessary, for the further increase of the funds of the Grand Chapter, that great care should be exercised in the distribution of the funds appropriated to charity; and that a very great reduction has already taken place in its funds; and should the Grand Chapter continue to draw on the permanent fund, in a very few years that fund will be entirely expended, and the Grand Chapter will dissolve.

In relation to the debt of Comp. TOWN, the Committee recommend that he have further time to settle the same.

The report was accepted.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 3D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee on Charity reported that they had considered the several petitions referred to them, and recommended the payment of the following donations:

William Benton,	\$10 00
Henry White,	15 00
John Gifford, 2d,	15 00
Archibald Ball,	15 00
Nathaniel Caulkins,	15 00
Widow Wiltsie,	10 00
Total,	\$80 00

Which report was accepted, and it was thereupon

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay the said several sums.

The Committee on Grievances reported the proceedings of SACHONDAGA CHAPTER, No. 116, in relation to the expulsion of LEBBEUS ARMSTRONG, correct, and recommended that his expulsion be confirmed.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Warrants, to whom was referred the communication of OVID CHAPTER, No. 92, and MONROE CHAPTER, No. 110, reported having had the same under consideration, and, from the circumstances set forth therein, recommended that the Warrants of those Chapters should be accepted as surrendered.

The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Comp. JOHN E. HINMAN, with the documents accompanying the same, reported:

That they have examined the subject committed to them with that care and attention which its importance and delicacy required; and that, from the proof and circumstances presented to the Committee, they are of the unanimous opinion that there is nothing exhibited to them which derogates in the least from the high character which the presiding officer of this Grand Chapter so deservedly sustains as a Mason, a philanthropist, and a friend to our republican institutions. Although a native of the "mother country," he has ever exhibited an untiring zeal in the prosperity of this his adopted country.

The Committee are pleased to have it their power to state that the charges and allegations preferred are founded entirely in misapprehension, and are extremely gratified to say that the complainant himself, on the exhibition of the testimony, was convinced of this fact, and withdrew every allegation that

had been presented. The Committee scarcely know how to approach the proceedings of the Companions in Utica upon this subject. These proceedings are wrong in principle and contrary to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter. Yet the Committee are constrained to believe that it was an error of the head and not of the heart, on the part of those whose names are attached to the circular, and unauthorized altogether by the Chapter in Utica. All of which is respectfully submitted.

The report was accepted, whereupon the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, A circular bearing date January 12, 1830, purporting to have issued under the direction of ONEIDA R. A. CHAPTER, has been circulated amongst the Chapters of this State; and

Whereas, Upon a full investigation had at this communication of the Grand Chapter, it has been ascertained that the publication of said circular was not authorized by any masonic body, and that the charges therein contained are without foundation in fact; therefore

Resolved, That the promulgation of said circular receives the disapprobation of this Grand Chapter, as an act utterly at variance with the constitution of this Grand Chapter, and with masonic usage.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 4TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

On motion of Comp. SPENCER, it was

Resolved, That LENOX CHAPTER, No. 111, be permitted to hold its meetings in Sullivan or Lenox as the members thereof may elect.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

M.: E.: RICHARD PENNELL, of New York, .	Grand High Priest.
" JAMES M. ALLEN, of Skaneateles, .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.: BENJAMIN ENOS, of De Ruyter, .	Grand King.
" JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN, of Albany, .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN ORTON COLE, of Albany, .	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN, of Albany, .	Grand Treasurer.
" Rev. EDWARD ANDREWS, of New Berlin, .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., of New Lebanon, .	Grand Marshal.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 4TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed.

Resolved, That the first four officers of this Grand Chapter be appointed a Committee of Charity, and that a sum not exceeding \$1,000.00 be appropriated for the ensuing year for charitable purposes.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the report of Trustees made a report as follows :

Deficit at close of last annual meeting,	\$972 98
Committee on Charity has expended during the recess,	1,328 00
Contingent expenses paid by the Trustees,	116 00
Comp. Esleeck's account for services and disbursements,	852 42
Total,	<u>\$3,269 40</u>

The available funds at the close of the last annual meeting were :

Cash deposited in bank,	\$597 48
In the hands of W. Esleeck,	3,416 59
Loan to B. Knower,	2,500 00
Interest due thereon,	151 23
Four hundred and nine shares bank stock,	4,908 00
Add fifty per cent. on bank stock,	2,454 00
Dividends bank stock,	409 00
Interest on Esleeck's loan,	84 00
Total,	<u>\$14,520 30</u>
From which deduct as above,	3,269 40

Total available funds,	\$11,250 90
There is due on Salem Town's note,	\$280 00
Interest on the same,	58 84
C. C. Yates' bond,	<u>6,436 00</u>
Total,	<u>\$6,774 84</u>

Which amount your Committee consider worthless.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. JEWETT,
Chairman.

Resolutions were adopted as follows :

Resolved, That the sum of \$150.00 be paid the Grand Secretary as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Comp. WADSWORTH be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services as Assistant Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be allowed \$50.00 as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services as Grand Marshal, in addition to his pay as a member, including one day previous to and one day after the session.

Resolved, That the Grand Sentinel, Comp. HIGGINS, be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services, including one day previous to and one day after the session; and that he be paid \$6.32 for articles furnished.

Resolved, That TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, be allowed \$25.00 for the use of its hall and furniture during the present session.

Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and EBENEZER WADSWORTH were appointed Grand Visitors for the ensuing year.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Expended by the Grand Treasurer,	\$1,598 01
Received from subordinates for dues,	640 50
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Deficit,	\$957 51

The Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1831.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York,
convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany,
on Tuesday, the 1st day of February, 5831.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: JAMES M. ALLEN,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.: JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRITT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. E. ANDREWS,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: EZRA S. COZIER,	P.: D.: G.: H.: P.:
" JOSEPH ENOS,	P.: G.: K.:
" AUGUSTUS HAYDEN,	P.: G.: S.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:

And Chapters, by their Representatives, as follows :

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
2. Phoenix,	Mordecai Myers. James Morgan.
5. Temple,	Daniel P. Marshall.
6. Hudson,	Cyrus Curtiss.
7. Horeb,	Nathaniel Caulking.
16. Rising Sun,	Thomas Slade.
19. Fredonian,	Charles Mowatt.
29. Washington,	Edward C. Reed. Nathan Gillett.
30. John the Baptist,	John Locke.
38. New Berlin,	Rouse Clark.
43. Mount Vernon,	John Sargeant.
45. Montgomery,	Alinos Matthews. Benjamin Hoxie, Jun.
50. Cyrus,	Daniel Barker.
54. Eagle,	J. O. Cole.
57. Oneida,	Ezra S. Barnum.
59. Watertown,	Adriel Ely.
70. Salina,	Noah Tubbs.
78. Johnstown,	Joseph Cuyler.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
80. Bainbridge,	Heman Kelsey.
83. Mohawk,	John Holmes.
85. Coxsackie,	Silas Holbrook. Olney F. Wright.
88. Ames,	Henry Maxwell.
90. Catskill,	Ira Dubois.
93. Olive Branch,	Robert M. Shearer.
96. Rising Virtue,	Roswell T. Lee.
97. M'Donough,	Ezra Williams.
99. Olive Branch,	Samuel G. Dimmick.
103. St. John's,	Rensselaer Saxe.
105. Cazenovia,	Jesse Kilborn.
108. Wadsworth,	Ephraim B. Russ.
109. Nassau,	Joseph Sprague.
116. Sachondaga,	Samuel Duncan.
118. Springville,	Job Bigelow.
128. Greenwich,	Ephraim Beeman.
129. Skaneateles,	Simcon B. Jewett. Robert Martin.
130. Coeymans,	Alexander Copeland.

The Grand Chapter was opened on the degree of Mark Master, in due form.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

Several petitions for charity were read, and referred to the Committee on that subject.

The application of Comp. JOHN SARGEANT, relative to the return of MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER, No. 43, was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

A communication from Comp. LEBBEUS CHAPMAN, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, was read, and referred to the Grand Council.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 1ST, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

On Charity—Comps. HAYDEN, SLADE, and WELCH.

On Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. MOWATT, BARNUM, and MARTIN.

On Grievances—Comps. CURTISS, CUYLER, and GILLETT.

On Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, KILBORN, and MAXWELL.

The Trustees reported as follows:

That the deficit of the last annual meeting, amounting to \$957.51, had been paid from the permanent fund; and that the stock in the Mechanics' and Farmers' Bank had been sold at an advance of fifty per cent., and the proceeds invested in other stocks.

Receipts for stock sold,	\$7,412 00
B. Knower's note and interest,	2,643 84
G. L. Dox, late Grand Treasurer,	147 00
Dividends Commercial Bank stock,	410 00
Dividends Albany Bank stock,	22 50
Total amount received,	<u>\$10,635 34</u>

Which has been paid and invested, as follows:

Four hundred and ten shares Commercial Bank stock,	\$7,070 98
One share Albany Bank stock,	327 50
Loan to J. Alexander,	\$652 49
" " J. T. B. Van Vechten,	676 71
" " J. J. Lansing,	482 17
	<u>1,811 37</u>
Sundry expenses, per resolution,	686 12
In hands of Grand Treasurer,	739 43
Total,	<u>\$10,635 34</u>

The report was referred to the Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books.

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the application of Comp. JOHN SARGEANT, reported the following:

Whereas, It appears that the election for officers in MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER, No. 43, has not been held for the last three years; but it has recommended that JOHN SARGEANT be High Priest, SIMEON BINGHAM, King, and C. WETMORE, Scribe, they being the last officers elected; therefore

Resolved, That the above named persons be confirmed in their respective offices, until the next annual election, and the said Chapter makes its return at this communication.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Mark Master's lecture was given by Bro. WADSWORTH, Grand Visitor.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 2D, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The following was read, considered, and adopted:

Whereas, It is represented that MOHAWK CHAPTER, No. 83, neglected to elect its officers on the day appointed by the Constitution, and that the members of the said Chapter, by resolution, appointed the officers of the preceding year, to serve for the present year, therefore

Resolved, That the said election or appointment be and the same is hereby confirmed.

The Grand Chapter was then closed on the Mark degree, and was opened on the Royal Arch degree, in due form.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered an eloquent and appropriate address, for which the thanks of the Grand Chapter and a donation of \$25.00 were tendered him.

The following communication from the Grand High Priest was read:

NEW YORK, JANUARY 30th, 1831.

M. E. Companions:

It is with unspeakable emotions of regret, that, owing to a recent indisposition, I am deprived of the pleasure of attending the present session of the Grand Chapter; but I take the opportunity of informing my Companions of my determination to decline a re-election to the distinguished office to which your preferences have, for two successive years, called me. Elevated as I was from the situation of Deputy Grand High Priest, where I had previously been honored with your suffrages, it could not be considered by me but as indicative of your kind and approbatory feelings for an individual whose zeal for a distinguished order was perhaps as unabating as his abilities were few; but that kindness and approbation have been to me as a pillar of light in the cloud and tempest with which masonry has been for a time temporarily enveloped.

It is with no ordinary feelings of sensibility that I now address you,—a stranger I arrived on your hospitable shores, and as a friend have I been welcomed. And, although occasionally asperities have appeared in our path, the kind and best feelings of your hearts have made the "rugged paths smooth."

Companions, in tendering this my resignation, receive the best wishes of a

grateful and overburthened heart; and believe me when I assure you that no matter where kind Providence may please to place me, nor in what country I may be destined to reside, a Mason will always find in me a sincere friend.

Receive, also, the renewed assurances of my respect and esteem, and believe me to be your affectionate Companion,

RICHARD PENNELL.

Whereupon it was

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M.: E.: RICHARD PENNELL, for the faithful, able, and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office of Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

Resolutions of thanks to M.: E.: JAMES M. ALLEN and E.: BENJAMIN ENOS, for their past services, they having declined a re-election to their respective offices, were passed.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and to whom was referred the report of the Trustees, reported that they had attended to the duties assigned them, and found the books, as well as the report referred to, correct.

Comp. WADSWORTH, from the Committee on Warrants, reported that no application had been made during the present session.

A petition from SALINA CHAPTER, No. 70, on the subject of the election of its officers, was read, and referred to the Committee on Grievances, who reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the delegation from SALINA CHAPTER, No. 70, be entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter on payment of dues; and that the officers heretofore elected be continued until the next annual election.

The Committee on Charity reported in favor of granting donations as follows:

Archibald Ball,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$15	00
Hannah Bigelow,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20	00
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$35	00

And the same was ordered paid.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers, with the following result:

M. E. EZRA S. COZIER, of Utica, . . .	Grand High Priest.
" MORDECAI MYERS, of New York, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN, of Albany, . . .	Grand King.
" JOHN F. HUBBARD, of Norwich, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN ORTON COLE, of Albany, . . .	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN, of Albany, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. EDWARD ANDREWS, of New Berlin, . . .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., of New Lebanon, . . .	Grand Marshal.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 2D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Chapter on the Mark Master's degree be confirmed.

Resolved, That the sum of \$150.00 be allowed the Grand Secretary as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Comp. EBENEZER WADSWORTH be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services as Assistant Grand Secretary at this session.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be allowed \$50.00 as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun., be allowed \$3.00 per day for his attendance and services as Grand Marshal, including one day before and one day after the session, in addition to his pay as a member.

Resolved, That Comp. CORNELIUS HIGGINS be allowed \$3.00 per day for services as Grand Sentinel, including one day before and one day after the session; and that his bill for articles furnished, amounting to \$5.00, be paid.

Resolved, That the sum of \$25.00 be paid to TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, for the use of its hall the present session.

Resolved, That Comp. E. B. CHILDS be paid \$18.32 for printing.

Resolved, That Comp. R. SAXE be allowed \$3.00 per day for services as Assistant Grand Marshal.

The Grand Council reported that the communication of the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which was referred to them, required no order of this Grand Chapter on the same.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Received from subordinates for annual dues, . . .	\$484 09½
Paid Representatives,	\$629 65
Officers and expenses,	451 73
Charity,	85 00
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	1,116 38
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Deficit,	\$632 28½

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1832.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday February 7th, A. S. L. 5832.

PRESENT:

M. E. MORDECAI MYERS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,	Grand King.
" JOHN F. HUBBARD,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. RICHARD PENNELL,	P. G. H. P.
" JAMES M. ALLEN,	P. D. G. H. P.
" JOSEPH ENOS,	P. G. K.
" AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	P. G. S.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.

And the Representatives and Proxies mentioned in the following table, who presented their credentials and took their seats accordingly:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Thomas S. Brady.
2. Phoenix,	James Morgan.
5. Temple,	Daniel P. Marshall.
7. Horeb,	Nathaniel Caulking.
22. Warren,	James J. Rhodes.
29. Washington,	Nathan Gillett.
45. Montgomery,	Alinos Matthews.
46. North East,	John W. Snyder.
49. Washington,	Simon Kettle.
54. Eagle,	Robert Usher.
57. Oneida,	John A. Russ.
59. Watertown,	Abner Baker, Jun.
68. Sackett's Harbor,	Thomas S. Hall.
78. Johnstown,	Joseph Cuyler.
80. Bainbridge,	Heman Kelsey.
	R. W. Juliand.
93. Olive Branch,	Stephen Bosworth

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
103. St. John's,	Rensselaer Saxe.
105. Cazenovia,	Enos Cushing.
106. Greene,	Levi Farr.
116. Sachondaga,	Ely Beecher.
118. Springville,	Job Bigelow.
128. Greenwich,	Charles O'Connor.
129. Skaneateles,	Augustus Kellogg. Simeon B. Jewett.
130. Coeymans,	Charles H. Cook.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form on the Mark degree.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Rev. Comp. ANDREWS, Grand Chaplain, was read, stating the reason of his inability to attend the present session, and declining a re-election.

A communication from GENEVA CHAPTER, No. 36, surrendering the Warrant of the said Chapter, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

A petition from JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER, No. 78, praying that an election of officers held on the twentieth day of January, 1832, may be confirmed, was read, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the said election be and the same is hereby confirmed.

The following Standing Committees were then appointed:

On Charity—Comps. HAYDEN, VAN VECHTEN, and CAULKING.

On Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. ALLEN, CUYLER, and BRADY.

On Grievances—Comps. O'CONNOR, MORGAN, and KELSEY.

On Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, GILLET, and FARR.

Several petitions for charity were read, and referred to the appropriate Committee.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 7TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Chapter on the Mark degree was adjourned until

The Mark lecture was given by Comps. WADSWORTH and ENOS.

The Grand Chapter then closed on the Mark degree in due form, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

Upon the prayer of WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 49, the dues of that Chapter for the year 1829 were remitted.

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Comp. JOB BIGELOW for relief, reported that, in their opinion, he had no just claim on the Grand Chapter by reason of the matters referred to them.

The report was accepted.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result :

M.: E.: EZRA S. COZIER declined a re-election.

Comp. JAMES M. ALLEN,	Grand High Priest.
" MORDECAI MYERS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,	Grand King.
" JOHN F. HUBBARD,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M.: E.: EZRA S. COZIER, for the faithful, able, and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office of Grand High Priest.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and to whom was referred the report of the Trustees, reported the books correctly kept, and having compared the report of the Trustees with the bank certificates of stock and other papers find the same correct.

Resolutions were adopted as follows :

Resolved, That the proceedings of this session on the Mark degree be and the same are hereby approved.

Resolved, That \$25.00 be donated to widow BETSEY HAVENS.

Resolved, That the sum of \$150.00 be allowed the Grand Secretary as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That Comp. E. WADSWORTH be allowed the sum of \$12.00 for services as Assistant Grand Secretary this session.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be allowed \$50.00 as a salary for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the Grand Marshal be allowed \$3.00 per day in addition to his pay as a member, including one day before and one day after the session.

Resolved, That the Grand Sentinel be allowed \$3.00 per day for his services, including one day previous to and one day after the close of the session, and also the sum of \$7.30 for articles furnished.

Resolved, That the sum of \$20.00 be allowed TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, for the use of its hall.

Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and EBENEZER WADSWORTH were appointed Grand Visitors for the ensuing year, and Comp. CORNELIUS HIGGINS, Grand Sentinel.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Received from subordinates for dues,	\$318 91
Expended by Grand Treasurer,	1,053 58
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Deficit,	\$734 67

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1833.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, February 5th, A. S. L. 5833.

PRESENT:

M. E. JAMES M. ALLEN,	Grand High Priest.
" MORDECAI MYERS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,	Grand King.
" JOHN F. HUBBARD,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

E. JOSEPH ENOS,	P. G. K.
" BENJAMIN ENOS,	P. G. K.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.
" AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	P. G. S.

And the Representatives and Proxies mentioned in the following table, who presented their credentials and took their seats accordingly:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	John A. Morrill.
5. Temple,	Daniel P. Marshall.
7. Horeb,	Nathaniel Caulking.
22. Warren,	Thompson Holdridge.
29. Washington,	Nathan Gillet.
30. John the Baptist,	Orsamus Dibble.
45. Montgomery,	Alinos Matthews. Benjamin Hoxsie. Ebenezer B. Munson.
46. North East,	David Dakin.
50. Cyrus,	Daniel Barker.
57. Oneida,	Ezra S. Barnum.
59. Watertown,	Ithamer B. Crawe.
78. Johnstown,	Joseph Cuyler.
93. Olive Branch,	Joseph P. Roberts,

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
103. St. John's,	Rensselaer Saxe, William Burnham.
105. Cazenovia,	Jesse Kilborn.
130. Coeyman's,	Ephraim Andrews.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form on the Mark degree.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The following Standing Committees were then appointed :

On Charity—Comps. BARNUM, MORRILL, and SAXE.

On Grievances—Comps. VAN VECHTEN, MARSHALL, and CRAWE.

On Warrants—Comps. CAULKING, DIBBLE, and BARKER.

On the Books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer—Comps. CUTLER, ROBERTS, and GILLETT.

The Grand High Priest announced the death of the M.: E.: EZRA S. COZIER, Past Grand High Priest, and paid a feeling and eloquent tribute to the merits of the deceased, whereupon it was

Resolved, That Comps. WADSWORTH, B. ENOS, and CUTLER, be a Committee to report a suitable expression of the sense entertained by this Grand Chapter, and the loss it has sustained in the death of so valuable a member.

The Trustees reported as follows :

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer at commencement of the last annual session,	\$1,900 14
Received at that session for dues,	818 91
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	2,219 05
Expended at the last session,	1,053 58
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	1,165 47
Loaned on the 1st of March last,	1,000 00
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	165 47
Received dividends Commercial Bank stock,	492 00
“ “ Albany Bank stock,	21 00
Interest J. T. B. Van Vechten's note,	47 36
“ on the \$1,000.00 loan to Feb. 1st,	64 17
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Cash on hand,	\$790 00

The funds are as follows :

Four hundred and ten shares Commercial Bank stock,	\$6,150 00
One share Albany Bank stock,	300 00
J. T. B. Van Vechten's note,	676 71
Hunter & Martin's note,	1,000 00
Total,	\$8,126 71

The report of the Trustees was received, and referred to the Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books.

The petition of the High Priest of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, and of a Committee of BATAVIA CHAPTER, No. 122, praying for a consolidation of those Chapters, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

A petition from MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 45, praying for leave to remove the said Chapter to the Town of Mayfield, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the extracts of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, together with the several communications from the State Grand Chapters, be referred to the Grand Council.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 5TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Chaplain delivered an able and appropriate address, after which the thanks of the Grand Chapter were voted, and the sum of \$25.00 was presented to him for his services during the past year.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 6TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Several petitions for charity were presented, and referred to the Committee on Charity.

Resolved, That the sum of \$50.00 be paid to M. E. Comp. M. MYERS, being the amount of a donation given by him, in behalf of the Grand Chapter, for the relief of the sufferers during the prevalence of the cholera in the City of New York.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and to whom was referred the report of the Trustees, reported;

That they have performed the duty assigned them; and that all the moneys received by the Grand Secretary have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer; and that the Grand Treasurer's books exhibit a just account of the financial transactions of the year, and that the Grand Treasurer exhibited to them proper vouchers for the expenditures made by him.

That the report of the Trustees contains a detailed statement of the finances of the Grand Chapter, which it is unnecessary here to repeat, and corresponds with the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

The Committee further report, that the monied affairs of the Grand Chapter appear to be judiciously managed by the Trustees, and that the moneys are safely and profitably invested.

JOSEPH CUYLER,
Chairman.

The Mark lecture was then given by Bros. J. ENOS and WADSWORTH.

The Grand Council reported that the certificate presented by Comp. JOB BIGELOW is defective, not having a date, and, in their opinion, does not entitle him to a seat in the Grand Chapter as the Representative of SPRINGVILLE CHAPTER, No. 118; whereupon the following resolution was offered, and referred to the Committee on Charity:

Resolved, That the sum of \$48.00 be allowed Comp. JOB BIGELOW.

The Grand Chapter was closed on the Mark degree, and was opened on the Royal Arch degree in due form.

The Committee on Charity reported as follows:

That they have duly considered the petitions referred to them, and recommend donations to Comps. VANDERLIP and GIBBS, each of \$25.00; and to ABAGAIL STEELE, of the sum of \$15.00.

That, after duly considering all the circumstances in relation to Comp. BIGELOW, they are of opinion that he ought to receive, by way of charity, the amount he would have received as the Representative of SPRINGVILLE CHAPTER, had his credentials been in conformity with the Constitution

E. S. BARNUM,
Chairman.

The Grand Council made the following report:

The Grand Council beg leave respectfully to report: That no Dispensations for Chapters have been issued during the present year. They also report that they have examined the several communications from the Grand Chapters of the other States submitted to them, and do not find in them any thing requiring the action of this Grand Chapter at the present session.

They also further report, that, in consequence of the general prevalence of epidemic cholera, it was thought advisable by the General Grand Officers of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, in conjunction with the Grand Officers of some of the Grand Chapters, that that body should not assemble at the time provided in the General Constitution, and they accordingly convened at the City of Baltimore, on the 28th day of November last, at which time the members from most of the States attended.

The Grand Chapter of the State of Maryland, with a generosity and kindness highly honorable to the institution, tendered the use of its splendid hall for the use of the General Grand Chapter, and made a suitable provision of every thing for the accommodation of that body.

We were also highly gratified to receive the assurance from every part of the Union that the most ardent attachment to the principles of the order, and the most faithful adherence to its ancient usages, and customs, pervaded every portion of the United States.

The situation of masonry in the State of New York is regarded by our faithful friends in the other sections of the United States with the most earnest solicitude; and they rely with a confidence, as creditable to themselves as to us, that the few who have withstood the storms of faction and persecution will never yield to unholy opposition their plighted faith to virtue and the order, and that no prospect of political elevation will induce us to act derogatory to the high and dignified character to which a just and faithful performance of masonic duties and charities will entitle us.

We should be ungrateful to your kindness who have made us the representatives of your fame, character, and mind, did we not avail ourselves of this occasion to assure the members of this Grand Chapter, that however much we may value the standing and character of the fraternity in other sections of the Union, that the magnitude of our own State, its commercial enterprise and importance, the faithful and unwavering course pursued by the friends of the order, give to the representatives of your body a character and standing in the opinion of their brethren in other States in the highest degree enviable and valuable, and that they have found your authority a sure passport to the respect and friendship of the good and the great in every part of the Union which they have visited.

The Grand Chapter of Maryland gave to the General Grand Chapter a public dinner, which Gov. HOWARD of that patriotic State, and many distinguished citizens, honored with their presence, thereby evincing their respect and attachment to the principles of our institution.

Upon that occasion the highest tokens of fraternal unanimity and satisfaction were elicited in the kindest manner by the Companions from the east, which were responded to by the west, the south, and the north.

We only regret that some of these eloquent addresses, springing from the spontaneous emotions of the heart, could not be recorded and preserved.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. ALLEN, G.: H.: P.:

A communication from Comp. JAMES HERRING, H.: P.: of UNION TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 94, surrendering the Warrant of said Chapter was read, and it was

Resolved, That the said Warrant be received, and that the jewels, furniture, etc., be placed at the disposition of the Deputy Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

Comp. JAMES M. ALLEN,	Grand High Priest.
" MORDECAI MYERS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,	Grand King.
" JOHN F. HUBBARD,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN ORTON COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" Rev. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL,	Grand Marshal.

All of whom were duly installed.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the subject of the decease of M.: E.: EZRA S. COZIER, P.: G.: H.: P.:, reported the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The death of M.: E.: EZRA S. COZIER, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, having been announced, therefore,

Resolved, As an expression of the high esteem this Grand Chapter entertains for the memory of Comp. COZIER, in view of his active, useful and benevolent efforts, his amiable character, and praiseworthy example, his prompt and efficient coöperation in the cause of suffering humanity in which he lost his life, as well as the combined moral virtues and intellectual endowments which clustered around him, and combined in forming the intrinsic excellence of his character, that we, in common with his amiable family, the citizens of Utica, and his very extensive circle of friends, and our fellow citizens in general, join in deep condolence for our common loss of so valuable a member of the community as well as of this Grand Chapter, and as a tribute of our sympathizing feelings, commingled with those of his surviving companions, citizens, and friends, wheresoever dispersed.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing be presented to the widow of the lamented Companion.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 6TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

On the report of the Committee on Warrants the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. 45, have permission to remove the place of its meeting from Broadalbin to Mayfield Corners, in the County of Montgomery.

Resolved, That the petitions of the H. P. of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, and a Committee of BATAVIA CHAPTER, be referred to the Grand High Priest.

On motion, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Trustees be, and they are hereby authorized to discharge a mortgage given by Comp. SALEM TOWN as collateral security on a note held by this Grand Chapter against him ; and that the debt against Comp. TOWN be and the same is hereby cancelled.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Chapter in the Mark degree be and the same are hereby confirmed.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer audit and pay the accounts of the Grand Officers who attended the late meeting of the General Grand Chapter, for their travel and attendance thereat, at the same rate as is allowed to members attending this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were also directed to audit and pay Comp. E. B. CHILDS' bill for printing, etc., \$16.50, and Comp. HIGGINS' bill for articles furnished the Grand Chapter, \$7.25.

Appropriations were made as follows :

Grand Secretary, salary for ensuing year,	\$150 00
E. Wadsworth, for services as Assistant Grand Secretary,	12 00
Grand Treasurer, for salary for ensuing year,	50 00
Temple Chapter, No. 5, for use of hall,	20 00

The Grand Marshal and Grand Sentinel were each allowed the sum of \$3.00 per day, including one day before and one day after the session.

Whereas, In consequence of informality in the return of GREENE CHAPTER, No. 106, the representative of that Chapter, Comp. LEVI FARR, is not entitled to his seat as a member, therefore

Resolved, That the sum of \$18.00 be paid to Comp. LEVI FARR, in lieu of his compensation for travel and attendance as a member of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. E. WADSWORTH and B. ENOS Grand Visitors.

The Royal Arch lecture was then given by Comps. WADSWORTH and BULL.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Received from Chapters for dues,	\$ 178 75
Expended by the Grand Treasurer,	<u>1,072 88</u>
Deficit,	\$ 893 58

After a solemn prayer, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

JOHN O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1834.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, February 4th, A. L. 5834.

PRESENT:

M. E. JAMES M. ALLEN,	Grand High Priest.
" MORDECAI MYERS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,	Grand King.
" JOHN F. HUBBARD,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. RICHARD PENNELL,	P. G. H. P.
E. JOSEPH ENOS,	P. G. K.
" BENJAMIN ENOS,	P. G. K.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.
" AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	P. G. S.

And the Representatives and Proxies named in the following table, who presented their credentials and took their seats:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	John A. Morrill.
2. Phoenix,	Henry Marsh.
5. Temple,	Daniel P. Marshall.
7. Horeb,	Nathaniel Caulking.
8. Jerusalem,	Richard Pennell.
22. Warren,	Henry Rogers.
29. Washington,	Nathan Gillett.
45. Montgomery,	Alinos Matthews.
46. North East,	David Dakin.
57. Oneida,	Robert R. Rhodes.
78. Johnstown,	Joseph Cuyler.
88. Ames,	Henry Maxwell.
93. Olive Branch,	Prentice Yeomans.
103. St. John's,	William Burnham.
	Rensselaer Saxe.
105. Cazenovia,	Simon C. Hitchcock.
129. Skaneateles,	Simeon B. Jewett.
130. Coeymans,	Alexander Copeland.
	Ephraim Andrews.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form on the Mark degree.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The following Standing Committees were appointed :

On Charity—Comps. MARSH, MATTHEWS, and HAYDEN.

On Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. CUYLER, MORRILL, and HITCHCOCK.

On Grievances—Comps. B. ENOS, MAXWELL, and RHODES.

On Warrants—Comps. PENNELL, WADSWORTH, and CAULKING.

A petition from JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 8, praying for a remission of dues up to the year 1832, was read, and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

Adjourned to meet on the Mark degree at nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 4TH, SIX O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter was opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Trustees made the following report :

Cash on hand at commencement of last annual session	\$ 790 00
Received from Chapters for dues at that session,	178 75
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	\$ 968 75
Expended at the last session,	1,072 33
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Balance against the Treasury,	\$ 103 58
Received during the recess :	
Dividends Commercial Bank stock,	\$ 492 00
" Albany " " " " " " " " " " "	21 00
Interest, J. T. B. Van Vechten's note,	47 36
" Hunter and Martin's " " " " " " " " "	70 00
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	\$ 630 36
Deduct amount overdrawn,	103 58
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Balance in Treasurer's hands,	\$ 526 78
The funds are as follows :	
Four hundred and ten shares Commercial Bank stock,	\$6,150 00
Six shares Albany Bank stock,	300 00
J. T. B. Van Vechten's note,	676 71
Hunter and Martin's " " " " " " " " "	1,000 00
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Total,	\$8,126 71

The Trustees also report that, agreeably to a resolution, they had acknowledged satisfaction on the mortgage of Comp. TOWN: and that his debt to the Grand Chapter was cancelled.

The report was received, and referred to the Committee on Secretary's and Treasurer's books.

On the report of the Grand High Priest, to whom the matter was referred at the last annual session, it was

Resolved, That WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, have leave to remove to the town of Stafford, in the County of Genesee; and that the dues of the said Chapter be and the same are hereby remitted.

Resolved, That the Warrant of BATAVIA CHAPTER, No. 122, be cancelled; that its dues be and are hereby remitted; and that the property of the said Chapter be given to WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35.

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 8, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the dues of JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 8, up to the year 1832, be and the same are hereby remitted.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and to whom the report of the Trustees was referred, reported that they had examined the same and found them correct.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 5TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Chapter in the Mark degree was then adjourned to twelve o'clock, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

Comp. MORDECAI MYERS,	. . . . .	Grand High Priest.
" JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,	. . . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH CUYLER,	. . . . .	Grand King.
" NATHAN GILLETT,	. . . . .	Grand Scribe.

Comp. JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.

All of whom were then duly installed.

The Grand Chapter again proceeded to business on the Mark degree, and the lecture of that degree was given by Comps. WADSWORTH and BULL, when the Grand Chapter was closed on the Mark degree.

The Grand Chapter again proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Chapter in the Mark degree be confirmed.

Appropriations were made as follows :

\$150.00 to the Grand Secretary, as a salary for the ensuing year.

\$12.00 to Comp. E. WADSWORTH, for services as Assistant Grand Secretary this session.

\$50.00 to the Grand Treasurer, as a salary for the ensuing year.

\$20.00 to TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, for use of its hall.

The Grand Marshal was allowed \$3.00 per day in addition to his pay as a member, and the Grand Sentinel \$3.00 per day, for their services during this session, including one day before and after the session.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M. E. JAMES M. ALLEN, Past Grand High Priest, and to M. E. JOHN F. HUBBARD, Past Grand Scribe, for the able and faithful manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices.

The Royal Arch lecture was then given.

Received for dues from Chapters,	\$219 62
Expended by Grand Treasurer,	764 43
Deficit,	\$544 81

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1835.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, February 3d, A.: L.: 5835.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.: JOSEPH CUYLER,	Grand King.
" NATHAN GILLETT,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. CORNELIUS HIGGINS,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: JAMES M. ALLEN,	P.: G.: H.: P.:
E.: JOSEPH ENOS,	P.: G.: K.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:
" AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	P.: G.: S.:

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters named in the following table, who presented their credentials and took their seats:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
5. Temple,	John F. Porter. G. W. Ryckman. Daniel P. Marshall.
7. Horeb,	Nathaniel Caulking.
22. Warren,	Samuel Hall.
29. Washington,	William Andrus.
30. John the Baptist,	Orsamus Dibble.
45. Montgomery,	Alinos Matthews.
46. North East,	David Dakin.
57. Oneida,	Robert R. Rhodes. John A. Russ.
59. Watertown,	I. B. Crawe.
78. Johnstown,	Joseph Cuyler.
93. Olive Branch,	Robert M. Shearer.
103. St. John's,	William Burnham. Rensselaer Saxe.
105. Cazenovia,	Elihu S. Williams. William J. Hough.
128. Skaneateles,	James M. Allen.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form on the Mark degree.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

On Charity—Comps. CUYLER, DAKIN, and SHERER.

On Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. WADSWORTH, PORTER, and MATTHEWS.

On Grievances—Comps. RHODES, HAYDEN, and DIBBLE.

On Warrants—Comps. HALL, RUSS, and WILLIAMS.

A communication from Comp. SALEM TOWN, accompanied by a plate or diagram, was read, and it was ordered to be placed on file.

On the petition of JOHN THE BAPTIST CHAPTER, No. 30, it was

Resolved, That the dues of said Chapter above the sum of \$28.00 be and the same are hereby remitted; and that the said sum of \$28.00 be received in full of all dues of said Chapter up to February 1, 1835.

The Trustees made the following report:

Cash on hand at the commencement of last session, . . .	\$526 78
Received from Chapters for dues at that session, . . .	219 63
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	\$746 40
Expended at the last session,	764 43
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Balance due Grand Treasurer, . . .	\$18 03
Received and paid into the treasury during the recess:	
Dividends on Commercial Bank stock,	\$574 00
“ “ Albany Bank stock,	21 00
Interest on J. T. B. Van Vechten's note,	47 86
Principal of “ “ “	676 71
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Total,	\$1,319 07
Less amount overdrawn as above stated, . . .	\$18 03
Discount on note \$69.00, and amount paid on bank stock, as stated below, \$50.00,	119 00— 137 03
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Available funds,	\$1,182 04

During the past summer the directors of the Commercial Bank made a call of \$5.00 upon each share of the stock of the said bank. The amount required on the stock of the Grand Chapter was \$2,050.00. This was altogether unexpected, and there was no means at the disposal of the Trustees to meet the

demand. To save the stock from being forfeited, the three Trustees who reside in the City of Albany, viz., Messrs. VAN VECHTEN, RYCKMAN, and COLE, raised the sum of \$2,000.00 upon their own responsibility, and the remaining \$50.00 was paid out of the March dividend, as above stated; and the discount on the note for \$2,000.00, amounting to \$69.00, was paid out of the same fund. This money becomes due on the 13th inst., and to pay it, it will be necessary to sell a portion of the stock.

The funds of the Grand Chapter are as follows :

Four hundred and ten shares Commercial Bank stock,	\$8,200 00
Six shares Albany Bank stock,	300 00
Hunter & Martin's note, \$1,000.00, interest 70.00,	1,070 00
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	\$9,570 00
Deduct note due 13th February,	2,000 00
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Total,	\$7,570 00

The report was read, and referred to the Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books.

The Mark Master's lecture was given by Comps. WADSWORTH and BULL.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet on the Mark degree at nine o'clock to-morrow morning, and to meet at three o'clock this afternoon on the Royal Arch degree.

FEBRUARY 3D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer reported them correct; and in relation to the report of the Trustees, that they had examined the same, and fully approved the course taken by the Trustees during the recess in providing for the payment of the call on the stock of the Commercial Bank, and recommended the sale of stock, as suggested in that report; which report was accepted.

The Royal Arch lecture was given by Comps. J. ENOS and E. WADSWORTH.

The Grand Chapter adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

FEBRUARY 4TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

A communication from M.: E.: MORDECAI MYERS, Grand High Priest, was read, and ordered to be placed on file.

The Committee on Charity reported that they had no business before them, and asked to be discharged, and they were discharged accordingly.

The Committee on Warrants and the Committee on Grievances severally made a like report, and were discharged.

The Grand Chapter in the Mark degree was then closed in due form, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

Comp. JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD PENNELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH CUYLER,	Grand King.
" NATHAN GILLETT,	Grand Scribe.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN BULL, JUN.,	Grand Marshal.

All of whom were duly installed.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. E. WADSWORTH and J. ENOS, Jun., Grand Visitors, and Comp. CORNELIUS HIGGINS, Grand Sentinel.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Chapter in the Mark degree be and the same are hereby approved.

Appropriations were made as follows:

\$150.00 to the Grand Secretary, for salary for the ensuing year.

\$12.00 to Comp. E. WADSWORTH, for services as Assistant Grand Secretary this session.

\$50.00 to the Grand Treasurer, for salary for the ensuing year.

\$30.00 to TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, for use of hall.

The Grand Marshal was allowed \$3.00 per day for his services in addition to his pay as a member; and the Grand Sentinel the same amount per day, including one day before and one day after the session.

The Grand Sentinel was also allowed \$20.00 for extra services, and \$11.83 for fuel, lights, and other articles furnished the Grand Chapter.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Received from Chapters for dues,	\$138 50
Expended by Grand Treasurer,	626 88
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Deficit,	\$488 38

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

JOHN O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1836.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, February 2d, A. L. 5836.

PRESENT:

M. E. JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD PENNELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOSEPH CUYLER,	Grand King.
" NATHAN GILLETT,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN ORTON COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. CORNELIUS HIGGINS,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. MORDECAI MYERS,	P. G. H. P.
E. JOSEPH ENOS,	P. G. K.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.
" AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	P. G. S.
" ELISHA GILBERT,	P. G. S.

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters named in the following table, who presented their credentials and took their seats:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	William Cuscaden.
5. Temple,	Daniel P. Marshall.
	Thomas Blank.
7. Horeb,	William Kimball.
8. Jerusalem,	Richard Pennell.
29. Washington,	Luther Nichols.
30. John the Baptist,	Henry Carroll.
45. Montgomery,	Benjamin Hoxie.
46. North East,	David Dakin.
57. Oneida,	Abraham B. Williams.
78. Johnstown,	Joseph Cuyler.
88. Ames,	Henry Maxwell.
93. Olive Branch,	Joseph P. Roberts.
103. St. John's,	Rensselaer Saxe.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
105. Cazenovia,	Seba Brown.
109. Nassau,	Richard Pennell.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form on the Mark Master's degree.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last annual meeting of the Grand Chapter were read and approved.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

On Charity—Comps. DAKIN, BROWN, and MAXWELL.

On Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. WADSWORTH, DAKIN, and MAXWELL.

On Grievances—Comps. GILLETT, CARROLL, and ROBERTS.

On Warrants—Comps. MYERS, NICHOLS, and KIMBALL.

The Trustees made the following report:

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer at the commencement of the last session,	\$1,182 04
Received for dues at that session,	138 50
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	\$1,320 54
Expended at the last session,	626 88
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Balance,	\$693 66

In order to meet the note given by three of the Trustees to pay a call made by the Commercial Bank on the capital stock of the said bank, the Treasurer was authorized to sell eighty shares of the stock of said bank, which were sold at twenty-seven per cent. advance, amounting to . . . \$2,032 00

Deduct amount of said note,	2,000 00
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	\$32 00

Add balance above stated,	693 66
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Revenue since received:

Dividend Commercial Bank stock,	264 00
“ City “	100 00
“ Albany “	21 00
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Amount in hands of Grand Treasurer,	\$1,110 66
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The Trustees, at their meeting in February last, appointed a Committee to sell the Commercial Bank stock, and three hundred and thirty shares were sold for . . . 9,380 00

From which should be deducted for commission, advertising, etc.,	33 05
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	\$9,296 95

The par value of this stock amounted to \$6,600, thus it will appear that the stock was sold at an advance of \$2,697.00 after deducting expenses, or at a rate of from forty to forty-seven and a half per cent. premium.

It was the intention to have invested the sum realized in other stocks without delay, but the Trustees regret to say that, owing to the high price of other stocks and their scarcity in the market, they have not been able to do so to any considerable extent at a rate which they considered a prudent investment. Stocks have been purchased as follows:

Ten shares City Bank stock,	\$1,000 00	
Twenty per cent. premium on same,	200 00	
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		\$1,200 00
Fifteen shares City Bank stock,	1,500 00	
Twenty-two and a half per cent premium on same,	337 50—	1,837 50
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		\$3,037 50

Which sum deducted from the avails of the stock sold leaves on hand to be invested the sum of \$6,259.45.

The funds of the Grand Chapter are as follows:

Balance of cash on hand from sale of stock,	\$6,259 45	
Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer,	1,110 66	
Twenty-five shares City Bank stock, par value,	2,500 00	
Ten shares Albany Bank stock,	300 00	
Hunter & Martin's note,	\$1,000 00	
Two years' interest on same,	140 00—	1,140 00
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Total,		\$11,310 11

The report was received, and referred to the Standing Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books.

The Grand Secretary reported that the Warrant of FREDONIAN CHAPTER, No. 19, had been returned to him, and that some property of trifling value of the said Chapter is in the hands of the Grand Tiler of the Grand Lodge, which report was referred to the Grand Officers to take such measures as they should deem expedient.

The Mark Master's lecture was then given by Brethren WADSWORTH and BULL.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet on the Mark degree at nine o'clock to-morrow morning, and to open on the Royal Arch degree at three o'clock this afternoon.

FEBRUARY 2D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and opened on the Royal Arch degree in due form.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer reported :

That they have examined the same, and find them correct; they also report that they have examined the report of the Trustees, and find it a proper and correct exhibit of the fiscal concerns of the Grand Chapter, and that much credit is due the Trustees for the prompt and able manner in which they have discharged the trust reposed in them, and especially as respects the sale of the Commercial Bank stock. And it is advised that they continue to exercise their own discretion in vesting and managing the funds of the Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee was accepted.

The Royal Arch lecture was then given by Comps. J. ENOS and E. WADSWORTH.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 3D, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

On the petition of Comp. POWERS, H. P. of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, it was

Resolved, That the dues of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, be remitted to February 1st, 1836.

The Deputy Grand High Priest reported that, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, the members of NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 109, held in the City of Brooklyn, made application to him for a Dispensation to authorize them to resuscitate the said Chapter—the state and condition of which was set forth in their petition. That for the reasons set forth in the accompanying papers he granted a Dispensation to the said members, constituting them a Chapter in due form; receiving a note and

ample security for the payment of the usual fee, provided the Grand Chapter should refuse the petition they now make for the restoration of the Warrant of the said Chapter, on the payment of all dues, amounting to \$72.00, to the Grand Secretary.

Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Deputy Grand High Priest be and they are hereby approved and confirmed; and that the Warrant of NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 109, be restored; and that the note given for the Dispensation granted by the Deputy Grand High Priest be cancelled.

A petition from PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, praying for further time to pay its dues, having been read, it was

Resolved, That the said Chapter have until the 1st day of May next to pay its dues.

The Grand Chapter on the Mark degree was then closed in due form, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

The annual election of Grand Officers resulted as follows:

Comp. JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD ELLIS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH CUYLER,	Grand King.
" NATHAN GILLETT,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" Rev. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.

Comp. CORNELIUS HIGGINS was appointed Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed, excepting Comp. ELLIS, who was not present, and P. G. H. P. RICHARD PENNELL was authorized to install him.

The Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, and Grand Scribe, made the following report:

That in the discharge of their duty they attended, as the Representatives of this Grand Chapter, at the regular meeting of the General Grand Chapter of United States, in December last, at the City of Washington.

They regret to state that the attendance upon that body was very small; but, from information received from those in attendance, we have every reason to hope that the prospects of the fraternity are brightening; and that ere long the institution will again flourish in its ancient glory.

The Committees on Charity and Grievances reported that they had no business before them, and they were severally discharged.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter on the Mark degree this session were approved.

The Grand Secretary was directed to correspond with the late officers of such Chapters as are in arrears, to the end that he may report their condition and prospects to the next Grand Chapter.

Appropriations were made as follows:

\$150.00 to the Grand Secretary, for salary for the ensuing year.

\$12.00 to Comp. E. WADSWORTH, for his services at this session as Assistant Grand Secretary.

\$50.00 to the Grand Treasurer, for his services for the ensuing year.

\$30.00 to TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, for use of hall.

The Grand Marshal was allowed \$3.00 per day for his services, including one day before and one day after the session, in addition to his pay as a member.

The Grand Sentinel was allowed \$3.00 per day for his services, including one day previous to and one day after the session, and \$11.71 for articles furnished by him.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1837.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, February 7th, A.: L.: 5837.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,	Grand High Priest.
E.: JOSEPH CUYLER,	Grand King.
" NATHAN GILLET,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
Comp. JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
" CORNELIUS HIGGINS,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: RICHARD PENNELL,	P.: G.: H.: P.:
" JAMES M. ALLEN,	P.: G.: H.: P.:
E.: EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:
" AUGUSTUS F. HAYDEN,	P.: G.: S.:

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters named in the following table, who presented their credentials and took their seats as members of the Grand Chapter:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	James Miller, Jun.
2. Phoenix,	Thomas Dugan.
5. Temple,	Thomas Blank. Jacob Gingrich. Lewis G. Hoffman.
7. Horeh,	King Strong.
8. Jerusalem,	Richard Pennell.
22. Warren,	Samuel Richards.
29. Washington,	Benjamin Chamberlain.
30. John the Baptist,	Orsamus Dibble.
48. Apollo,	A. J. Rousseau.
57. Onaida,	William B. Gray.
70. Salina,	Noah Tubbs.
78. Johnstown,	Joseph Cuyler.
93. Olive Branch,	Robert M. Shearer.
103. St. John's,	Rensselaer Saxe.
109. Naassau,	Samuel Doxy.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form on the Mark Master's degree.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last annual communication were read and approved.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

On Charity—Comps. GILLETT, DUGAN, and STRONG.

On Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. DOXY, GRAY, and MILLER.

On Grievances—Comps. PENNELL, DIBBLE, and BLANK.

On Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, RICHARDS, and SHEARER.

A petition from Comp. JOSEPH ENOS was read, and referred to the Committee on Charity.

Petitions were read from DAVID'S CHAPTER, No. 34, and WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

The Trustees made the following report:

Cash in hands of the Grand Treasurer at the commencement of the last session,	\$7,370 11
Received for dues at that session,	294 37
Received for an old balance in Mechanics' and Farmers' Bank,	6 12
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	\$7,670 60

Expended at the last session,	\$855 78
Loaned on short notice,	6000 00—
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	6,855 78

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, \$814 82

Received during the recess:

Dividends Albany City Bank stock,	\$200 00
“ Albany Bank stock,	24 00
Interest, 6 per cent., on \$6,000.00 loan to 20th May,	95 00
Interest, 7 per cent., on \$6,000.00 loan to Feb. 1,	291 51—
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	610 51
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	\$1,425 33

The Trustees have purchased eight shares of

Albany City Bank stock, par value,	\$300 00
26 per cent. premium on same,	208 00—
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	1,008 00

In hands of Treasurer, \$417 33

The funds are as follows :

Cash in hands of the Grand Treasurer,	\$ 417 33
Money on loan,	6,000 00
Thirty-three shares Albany City Bank stock,	3,300 00
Albany Bank stock,	800 00
Hunter & Martin's note \$1,000.00, three years' interest, \$210.00,	1,210 00
Total,	<u>\$11,227 33</u>

The report was received, and referred to the Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books.

The minutes of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter at its last meeting were referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. RYCKMAN, WADSWORTH, and ROUSSEAU.

A petition from APOLLO CHAPTER, No. 48, praying for relief, was read, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the sum of \$14.50 be received in full for dues from said Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to open on the Mark degree at nine o'clock to-morrow morning, and on the Royal Arch degree at three o'clock this afternoon.

FEBRUARY 7TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees, and the books of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, reported as follows :

That they have examined the same, and find the accounts accurately and correctly kept; and that the Trustees' report exhibits a true statement of the fiscal concerns of the Grand Chapter. They cannot forbear to add that the Trustees merit the thanks of the Grand Chapter for the zeal and ability they have exhibited in managing the funds.

The report was accepted.

On the report of the Committee on Warrants, it was

Resolved, That the election held by the members of DAVID'S CHAPTER, No.

34, on the 23d day of January, 1837, be and the same is hereby confirmed; and that the said Chapter is hereby declared to be duly constituted and authorized to resume its labors.

Resolved, That the sum of \$10.00 be received in full for all dues of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, to the first of February instant.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, reported:

That they have examined the same, and find that, from the peculiar state of the institution, the legitimate resources of the General Grand Chapter are inadequate to the necessary disbursements; and, therefore, agreeably to the suggestion of a Committee of that body, they recommend an appropriation of \$25.00 for the relief of the General Grand Chapter.

The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet on the Royal Arch degree at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FEBRUARY 8TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to business on the Mark Master's degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee on Charity, to whom was referred the petition of Comp. JOSEPH ENOS, reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of \$20.00 be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to Comp. JOSEPH ENOS.

The Committee on Grievances reported that nothing had been presented to them, and they had nothing to offer for the consideration of the Grand Chapter, whereupon the Committee was discharged.

The Mark lecture was given by Comps. BULL and WADSWORTH.

The Grand Chapter was then closed on the Mark degree in due form, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers, with the following result:

Comp. JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN, . . .	Grand High Priest.
“ RICHARD ELLIS, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
“ JOSEPH CUYLER, . . .	Grand King.
“ NATHAN GILLETT, . . .	Grand Scribe.
“ JOHN O. COLE, . . .	Grand Secretary.
“ GERRIT W. RYCKMAN, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
“ Rev. SALEM TOWN, . . .	Grand Chaplain.
“ JOHN BULL, Jun., . . .	Grand Marshal.

And Comp. ABRAHAM SICKLES was appointed Grand Sentinel; and the Grand Officers were then duly installed, except the Deputy Grand High Priest, who was absent; and Comp. PENNELL, P.: G.: H.: P.:, was authorized to install him.

The Grand Council appointed Comps. EBENEZER WADSWORTH and BENJAMIN ENOS Grand Visitors.

The proceedings had in the Mark degree this session were confirmed.

Appropriations were made as follows:

\$150.00 to the Grand Secretary, salary for the ensuing year.

\$12.00 to Comp. WADSWORTH, for services as Assistant Grand Secretary at this session.

\$50.00 to the Grand Treasurer, salary for ensuing year.

\$50.00 to TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, for use of hall.

The Grand Marshal was allowed \$3.00 per day for his services, including one day before and one day after the session, in addition to his pay as a member.

The Grand Sentinel was allowed \$3.00 per day for his services, including one day before and one day after the session, and the sum of \$6.51 for articles furnished at this session.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1838.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, February 6th, A. L. 5838.

PRESENT:

M. E. JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD ELLIS, by his proxy	Comp.
J. J. TIMPSON	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOSEPH CUYLER,	Grand King.
" NATHAN GILLETT,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. ABRAHAM SICKELS,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. RICHARD PENNELL,	P. G. H. P.
" MORDECAI MYERS,	P. G. H. P.
E. JOSEPH ENOS,	P. G. K.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters named in the following table, who presented their credentials and took their seats as members:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	James J. Timpson.
5. Temple,	Thomas Blank.
	Lewis G. Hoffman.
7. Horeb,	Isaac G. Stratton.
8. Jerusalem,	Richard Pennell.
30. John the Baptist,	Orsamus Dibble.
48. Apollo,	A. J. Rousseau.
	Luther R. Lassell.
57. Oneida,	John A. Russ.
78. Johnstown,	Joseph C. Cuyler.
88. Ames,	Henry Maxwell.
93. Olive Branch,	Robert M. Shearer.
103. St. John's,	Rensselaer Saxe.
105. Cazenovia,	Onesimus Mead.
109. Nassau,	Robert Tolford.
116. Sachondaga,	N. B. Lobdell.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form on the Mark Master's degree, and with solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last annual communication were read and approved.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

On Charity—Comps. GILLETT, HOFFMAN, and SAXE.

On Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. ROUSSEAU, TOLFORD, and DIBBLE.

On Grievances—Comps. RYCKMAN, LOBDELL, and MEAD.

On Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, CUYLER, and TOLFORD.

A communication from Comp. CHARLES GILMAN, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, giving notice that LEBBEUS CHAPMAN, late of the City of New York, supposed now of Orwigsburgh, Penn., was expelled by the General Grand Chapter for withholding funds and documents belonging to that body which came into his possession while he was General Grand Secretary of the same, was read, and was ordered to be placed on file and noticed on the minutes.

A communication from the Deputy Grand High Priest, on the subject of certain expelled Masons in the City of New York, and his proceedings in relation to the same, was read, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. ROUSSEAU, TOLFORD, WADSWORTH, COLE, and GILLETT.

A petition of widow MARTIN was read, and referred to the Committee on Charity.

The Trustees made the following report, which was received, and referred to the Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books:

Cash in hands of the Grand Treasurer at the commencement of the last session,	\$417 33
Received for dues at that session,	281 24
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	\$698 57
Expended at the last session,	678 76
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Balance,	\$ 19 81

Received during recess:

April dividend on City Bank stock,	\$182 00	
Interest to Feb. 1, 1838, on \$6,000.00 loan, . .	420 00	—\$552 00
In hands of Grand Treasurer,		\$571 81

The funds are as follows:

Cash in hands of the Grand Treasurer,	\$	571 81	
Money on loan,		6,000 00	
Thirty-three shares City Bank stock, par value, . . .		3,300 00	
Ten shares Albany Bank stock,		300 00	
Hunter & Martin's note,	\$1,000 00		
Interest on same, four years,	280 00	—	1,280 00
Total,			\$11,451 81

A petition of SACHONDAGA CHAPTER, No. 116, praying for remission of dues, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants, who made the following report thereon:

That the Grand Secretary be authorized to receive one year's dues from said Chapter in full discharge of dues up to the present communication; but that no more be paid the Representative of that Chapter than is paid in.

The report was accepted, and a resolution to that effect adopted.

The lecture of the Mark Master's degree was given by Comps. WADSWORTH and BULL.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet again on the Mark degree to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, and on the Royal Arch degree this afternoon at three o'clock.

FEBRUARY 6TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened on the Royal Arch degree in due form.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Deputy Grand High Priest, reported:

That it appears from the said communication and the documents accompanying the same, that certain Masons residing in the City of New York have been expelled from all the rights and privileges of masonry, for unmasonic conduct, by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York; that among the persons so expelled were members of Chapters under the jurisdiction of this

Grand Chapter; that the question presented itself to the said Chapters, whether such expelled Masons could enjoy the privileges of their connection with the Chapter while under the censure of the Grand Lodge, and that the said Chapters applied to the Deputy Grand High Priest for his advice and direction; that he deeming it advisable to have the advice of the Grand Council on this important question, applied for the same, which was given as follows:

"Application having been made for the opinion of the Grand Council of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, whether Royal Arch Masons who have been expelled by the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate Lodge of competent jurisdiction, from all the rights and privileges of masonry, ought to be permitted to hold communication with Royal Arch Chapters, or Royal Arch Masons, I have been directed officially to declare:

"That it is the opinion of the Grand Council, that all persons who have been expelled by any Lodge of competent jurisdiction from all the rights and privileges of masonry should be forbidden to visit or sit in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and that it is the duty of Royal Arch Masons to abstain from all masonic communication with persons so expelled; for it being required by the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, as a necessary qualification of every applicant for admission into a Royal Arch Chapter, that he should be of fair standing in the subordinate degrees, persons who are expelled from the rights and privileges of the subordinate degrees must necessarily be treated as if they had never received such degrees.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed the seal of the Grand Chapter, this 2d day of Nov., 5837.

"J. O. COLE,
"Grand Secretary."

That, being thus advised and in conformity to his own sense of duty, the Deputy Grand High Priest communicated to all the Chapters in the City of New York the advice and injunction contained in the official decision of the Grand Council.

That the Chapters in the City of New York paid due and proper respect to the said advice and injunction, except PHENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, from some of the officers and members of which opposition to the same was manifested.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Deputy Grand High Priest and the Grand Council have judged wisely and acted justly in what they have done on this subject, that they deserve the thanks and approbation of this Grand Chapter in thus having sustained and preserved the landmarks of the order, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all persons who have been expelled or suspended by any Lodge of competent jurisdiction from all the rights and privileges of masonry should be forbidden to visit or sit in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and that it is the duty of Royal Arch Masons to abstain from all masonic communication with persons so expelled or suspended, until they shall be duly restored to those rights and privileges.

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Grand Council and the Deputy Grand High Priest, in relation to expelled Masons, be and the same are hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

The report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered an eloquent and instructive address.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer reported that they had examined the same and found them correct and conformable to the report of the Trustees.

The Royal Arch lecture was given by Comps. WADSWORTH and BULL.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet on the Royal Arch degree at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FEBRUARY 7TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to business on the Mark Master's degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee on Charity, to whom was referred the petition of the widow of the late ROBERT MARTIN, made a favorable report, and offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That \$30.00 be given to Mrs. MARTIN.

The Committees on Warrants and Grievances, severally reported that they had no business before them, and they were discharged.

The Grand Chapter was closed on the Mark degree, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

Comp. JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD ELLIS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH CUYLER,	Grand King.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, JUN.,	Grand Marshal.

Comp. ABRAHAM SICKELS was appointed Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed, excepting the Deputy Grand High Priest who was not present.

M.: E.: RICHARD PENNELL, was authorized to install Comp. ELLIS, Deputy Grand High Priest elect.

On motion, it was:

Resolved, That a new Warrant be issued to APOLLO CHAPTER, No. 48, to supply the place of the original Warrant which has become defaced and mutilated.

Resolved, That the proceedings had in the Mark degree be and the same are hereby confirmed.

Resolved, That the Deputy Grand High Priest demand the Warrant, jewels, books, and papers of PHENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, from whomsoever may possess the same; and that he is hereby empowered to call together such members of said Chapter as are in good standing, authorize them to elect officers, install them, and set them to work.

The Grand High Priest appointed Comps. WADSWORTH and BULL Grand Visitors.

Appropriations were made as follows:

\$150.00 to the Grand Secretary, salary for ensuing year.

\$12.00 to Comp. WADSWORTH, for services as Assistant Grand Secretary.

\$50.00 to the Grand Treasurer, salary for ensuing year.

\$25.00 to TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, for use of hall.

\$3.00 to Comp. LEWIS G. HOFFMAN, for printing circulars.

\$25.00 to the Grand Chaplain, in addition to his pay as a member.

The Grand Marshal was allowed \$3.00 per day for his services, in addition to his pay as a member, including one day before and one day after the session.

The Grand Sentinel was allowed \$3.00 per day for his services, including one day before and one day after the session, and \$7.81 for articles furnished at this session.

Then the Grand Chapter, after a solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain, was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1839.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, February 5th, A. L. 5839.

PRESENT:

E. JOSEPH CUYLER,	Grand King.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JOHN BULL, JUN.,	Grand Marshal.
" ABRAHAM SICKELS,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

E. JOSEPH ENOS,	P. G. K.
" ORVILLE HUNGERFORD,	P. G. K.
" BENJAMIN ENOS,	P. G. K.
" ELISHA GILBERT, JUN.,	P. G. S.
" JONATHAN EIGHTS,	P. G. S.
" NATHAN GILLET,	P. G. S.

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters named in the following table, who presented their credentials and took their seats as members of the Grand Chapter:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Joseph Cuyler.
2. Phoenix,	R. J. Everett.
5. Temple,	Jonathan Eights. John O. Cole. E. Vanderlip.
7. Horeb,	King Strong.
8. Jerusalem,	Alexander Copeland.
30. John the Baptist,	Ebenezer Smith.
46. North East,	David Dakin.
48. Apollo,	Luther R. Lassell.
57. Oneida,	Ezra S. Barnum.
88. Ames,	Henry Maxwell.
93. Olive Branch,	Edwin Adams.
105. Cazenovia,	William J. Hough.
109. Nassau,	Lewis De Forest.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form on the Mark Master's degree, and with solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the proceedings at the last annual communication were read and approved.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

On Charity—Comps. HUNGERFORD, B. ENOS, and VANDERLIP.

On Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. GILLETT, EVERETT, and MAXWELL.

On Grievances—Comps. DARIN, COPELAND, and ADAMS.

On Warrants—Comps. GILBERT, BARNUM, and WADSWORTH.

A communication from the Deputy Grand High Priest, giving an account of the condition of the Chapters in the City of New York, was read, and ordered to be placed on file.

The Trustees made the following report, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Secretary's and Treasurer's books:

Cash in hands of the Grand Treasurer at the commencement of the last session,	\$571 81
Received for dues at that session,	205 12
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	\$776 93
Expended at the last session,	706 05
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Balance,	\$70 88

Received during the recess:

Dividends on City Bank stock,	\$396 00
Dividends on Albany Bank stock,	37 00
Interest to Feb. 1st on \$6,000.00 loan,	420 00—
	853 00

Now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, \$928 88

The funds of the Grand Chapter are as follows:

Cash in hands of the Grand Treasurer,	\$ 923 88
Money on loan,	6,000 00
Thirty-three shares City Bank stock, par value,	3,800 00
Ten shares Albany Bank stock,	300 00
Hunter & Martin's note,	\$1,000 00
Interest on the same to Feb. 1, 1839,	350 00—
	1,350 00
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Total,	\$11,878 88

The Grand King reported that the Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, had attended the triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, held at Boston, on the 11th of September last.

A petition of NORTH EAST CHAPTER, No. 46, to have the dues of the same remitted upon the payment of the sum of \$12.00 having been read, it was

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

A petition of the widow of the late Comp. ROBERT MARTIN was read, and referred to the Committee on Charity.

Comps. WADSWORTH, GILBERT, and GILLET, were appointed a Committee to wait upon the Grand High Priest, who is confined by illness, and receive from him any communication he may be pleased to make in relation to the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet on the Mark Master's degree at nine o'clock to-morrow morning, and on the Royal Arch degree at three o'clock this afternoon.

FEBRUARY 5TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened on the Royal Arch degree in due form.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and to whom was referred the report of the Trustees, reported that they had attended to that duty, and found the books and report correct.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered an address, for which the thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered, and a copy requested for publication.

The proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, a copy of which was furnished by the Grand High Priest, were then read for the information of the members of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Charity reported in favor of making a donation of \$30.00 to the widow of Comp. ROBERT MARTIN,

and a like sum to the widow of the late Comp. STRATTON, and it was

Resolved, That payment be made accordingly.

The Royal Arch lecture was given by Comps. J. ENOS and E. WADSWORTH.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning on the Mark Master's degree, and at ten o'clock on the Royal Arch degree.

FEBRUARY 6TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to business on the Mark Master's degree.

The Grand Chapter was then closed on the Mark degree in due form, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

On the application of DE RUYTER CHAPTER, No. 44, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter consent that DE RUYTER CHAPTER, No. 44, dispose of whatever property may belong thereto, and pay the debts of the said Chapter, and report their proceedings to this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers, as follows :

Comp. JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN,	Grand High Priest.
" RICHARD ELLIS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH CUYLER,	Grand King.
" JONATHAN EIGHTS,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.

Comp. ABRAHAM SICKELS was appointed Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed, excepting the Deputy Grand High Priest, who was not present.

M. E. RICHARD PENNELL, P. G. H. P., was authorized to install the Deputy Grand High Priest elect.

The Grand Council appointed Comps. EBENEZER WADSWORTH and JOSEPH ENOS, Grand Visitors.

The Committees on Grievances and Warrants reported that they had no business before them, and they were severally discharged.

The proceedings had on the Mark degree during this session were confirmed.

Appropriations were made as follows :

\$150.00 to the Grand Secretary, salary for the ensuing year.

\$12.00 to Comp. E. WADSWORTH, for his services at this session as Assistant Grand Secretary.

\$50.00 to the Grand Treasurer, salary for the ensuing year.

\$25.00 to TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, for use of hall.

\$25.00 to the Grand Chaplain, in addition to his pay as a member.

The Grand Marshal and Grand Sentinel were each allowed \$3.00 per day for services, including one day before and one day after the session ; and the Grand Sentinel was also allowed the sum of \$9.25 for articles furnished.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Chapter be paid for their attendance at the General Grand Chapter at the rate at which members of this Grand Chapter are paid.

Then, after solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1840.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, the 4th day of February, A.: L.: 5840.

PRESENT:

E.: JOSEPH CUYLER,	Grand King.
" JONATHAN EIGHTS,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JOHN BULL, JUN.,	Grand Marshal.
" ABRAHAM SICKLES,	Grand Sentinel.
" LEWIS DE FORREST, as proxy for the	Deputy Grand High Priest.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: RICHARD PENNELL,	P.: G.: H.: P.:
" JAMES M. ALLEN,	P.: G.: H.: P.:
" MORDECAI MYERS,	P.: G.: H.: P.:
E.: JOSEPH ENOS,	P.: G.: K.:
" ORRVILLE HUNGERFORD,	P.: G.: K.:
" BENJAMIN ENOS,	P.: G.: K.:
" ELISHA GILBERT,	P.: G.: S.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:
" NATHAN GILLETT,	P.: G.: S.:
" JONATHAN EIGHTS,	P.: G.: S.:

And the Representatives and Proxies named in the following table, who presented their credentials and took their seats as members of the Grand Chapter:

1. Ancient,	William Boardman.
2. Phœnix,	R. John Everett.
5. Temple,	Lewis G. Hoffman.
	E. Vanderlip.
	A. W. Stark. A.
6. Hudson,	Lionel U. Lawrence.
7. Horeb,	Nelson D. Morse.
8. Jerusalem,	Richard Pennell.
30. John the Baptist,	Chauncey Wright.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
48. Apollo,	Joel G. Candee. G. G. Glendining. H. T. Eddy.
57. Oneida,	Ezra S. Barnum.
59. Watertown,	Hiram K. Newcomb.
103. St. John's,	Rensselaer Saxe.
105. Cazenovia,	Elihu S. Williams.
109. Nassau,	Robert Tolford.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form on the Mark degree, and with solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

On Charity—Comps. HOFFMAN, GILLETT, and BARNUM.

On Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. TOLFORD, HUNGERFORD, and VANDERLIP.

On Grievances—Comps. B. ENOS, EVERETT, and WILLIAMS.

On Warrants—Comps. GILBERT, WADSWORTH, and DE FORREST.

A communication from M. E. RICHARD ELLIS, Deputy Grand High Priest, stating his inability, in consequence of ill health, to attend the present meeting of the Grand Chapter, was read, and ordered to be placed on file.

On motion, the dues of HUDSON CHAPTER, No. 6, WATERTOWN CHAPTER, No. 59, and STEUBEN CHAPTER, No. 101, were remitted, on condition that each should pay its dues for the last year.

Several petitions for charity were read, and referred to the Committee on Charity.

The Trustees made the following report, which was read, and referred to the Committee on Secretary's and Treasurer's books.

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer at the commencement of the last session,	\$923 88
Received for dues at that session,	193 62
Total,	\$1,117 50
Expended at the last session,	960 05
Balance,	\$157 45

Received during the recess:

Dividends on Albany City Bank stock, . . .	\$264 00	
“ “ Albany Bank stock, . . .	24 00	
Interest to Feb. 1, on \$6,000 loan, . . .	420 00—	\$708 00

Amount now in hands of Grand Treasurer, . . . \$865 45

The funds of the Grand Chapter are as follows:

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer, . . .	\$865 45
Money on loan, . . .	6,000 00
Thirty-three shares Albany City Bank stock, . . .	3,300 00
Ten shares Albany Bank stock, . . .	300 00
Hunter and Martin's note, . . .	\$1,000 00
Interest on same to Feb. 1, 1840, . . .	420 00— 1,420 00

Total, . . . \$11,885 45

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet on the Mark degree, at nine o'clock to-morrow morning, and on the Royal Arch degree at three o'clock this afternoon.

FEBRUARY 4TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment and was opened on the Royal Arch degree in due form.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered an address, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented to the Grand Chaplain for his admirable address; and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The Committee on Secretary's and Treasurer's books reported that they had examined the same, as well as the report of the Trustees, which was referred to them, and found them correct.

The Committee on Grievances reported that no business had been referred to them, and they were discharged.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 5TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to business on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee on Charity reported in favor of granting donations as follows :

Widow of John F. Walton,	\$10 00
“ of John B. Johnson,	10 00
“ Stratton,	10 00
“ Martin,	10 00
“ Lee,	10 00
Edmund B. Childs,	10 00
Total,	<u>\$60 00</u>

The report was accepted, and it was

Resolved, That the several sums be paid as recommended.

The Grand Chapter was then closed on the Mark degree, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

The Committee on Warrants having reported that no business had been referred to them, they were, therefore, discharged.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers, which resulted as follows :

Comp. RICHARD ELLIS,	Grand High Priest.
“ BENJAMIN ENOS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
“ JOSEPH CUYLER,	Grand King.
“ EZRA S. BARNUM,	Grand Scribe.
“ JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
“ GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
“ Rev. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
“ JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.

Comp. ABRAHAM SICKLES was appointed Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed, except the Grand High Priest, who was not present.

M.: E.: RICHARD PENNELL, P.: G.: H.: P.:, was authorized and requested to install the Grand High Priest elect.

The Grand Council appointed Comps. EBENEZER WADSWORTH and JOSEPH ENOS Grand Visitors for the ensuing year.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M.: E.: JACOB TEN BROECK VAN VECHTEN, for the able and faithful manner in which he has for several years discharged the duties of the office of Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That Comp R. JOHN EVERETT, of PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, be requested to deliver an oration at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the proceedings on the Mark Master's degree be and the same are hereby confirmed.

Appropriations were made as follows:

\$150.00 to the Grand Secretary, salary for ensuing year.

\$12.00 to Comp. E. WADSWORTH, for his services at this session as Assistant Grand Secretary.

\$50.00 to the Grand Treasurer, salary for the ensuing year.

\$25.00 to the Grand Chaplain in addition to his pay as a member.

\$25.00 to TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, for use of its hall.

\$10.13 to the Grand Sentinel, for articles furnished the Grand Chapter this session.

The Grand Marshal, in addition to his pay as a member, and the Grand Sentinel, were each allowed \$3.00 per day for their services, including one day before and one day after the session.

After a solemn prayer and benediction, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

1841.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York,
convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany,
on the 2d day of February, 5841.

PRESENT:

M.: E. BENJAMIN ENOS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.: JOSEPH CUYLER,	Grand King.
" EZRA S. BARNUM,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN BULL, JUN.,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. ABRAHAM SICKELS,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

E.: ORVILLE HUNGERFORD,	P.: G.: K.:
" ELISHA GILBERT,	P.: G.: K.:
" JOSEPH ENOS,	P.: G.: K.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:
" NATHAN GILLET,	P.: G.: S.:

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters named in
the following table, who presented their credentials and took
their seats as members of the Grand Chapter :

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	James Millar.
2. Phoenix,	Thomas Dugan.
5. Temple,	Jacob Gingrich.
	A. W. Stark.
	G. W. Gibbons.
6. Hudson,	Lionel U. Lawrence.
7. Horeb,	Martin Stiles.
8. Jerusalem,	James Herring.
22. Warren,	Samuel Richards.
30. John the Baptist,	William Wade.
48. Apollo,	Nathaniel T. Woodruff.
57. Oneida,	Ezra S. Barnum.
59. Watertown,	Hiram K. Newcomb.
88. Ames,	Alfred Barrett.
103. St. John's,	Rensselaer Saxe.
105. Cazenovia,	Elihu S. Williams.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form on the Mark degree.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

On Charity—Comps. GILBERT, LAWRENCE, and NEWCOMB.

On Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. HUNGERFORD, WILLIAMS, and GILLETT.

On Grievances—Comps. HERRING, WOODRUFF, and BARNUM.

On Warrants—Comps. MILLAR, GILBERT, and STARK.

A communication from M. E. RICHARD ELLIS, Grand High Priest, stating his inability to attend at the present communication of this Grand Chapter; and communicating information in relation to the proceedings of certain clandestine Masons in the City of New York, and also at Newark, in the State of New Jersey, and other information of interest to the order, was read, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. BARNUM, HUNGERFORD, and WADSWORTH.

The M. E. Grand High Priest also returned the Warrant of GREENWICH CHAPTER, No. 128, which had been surrendered to him.

A communication was read from Rev. Comp. SALEM TOWN, Grand Chaplain, stating his inability to be present at this meeting of the Grand Chapter, by reason of a severe domestic affliction.

A memorial from WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, praying for a remission of dues, and for permission to remove said Chapter from Stafford to Bethany, was read, and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

A communication from Comp. JAMES HERRING, of the City of New York, on the subject of a proposed publication, to be entitled "The Portrait Gallery of Eminent American Free Masons, and History of the Masonic Institution in the United States," was read, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. WADSWORTH, CUYLER, and GILLETT.

PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, reported that R. J. EVERETT had been expelled from said Chapter for unmasonic conduct.

A communication from R. J. EVERETT, relative to his expulsion from PHENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, and giving notice of his intention to have the same reviewed hereafter, was read, and ordered to be placed on file.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter, reported:

That the amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer at the commencement of the last session was . . .	\$865 45
Received for dues at the last session, . . .	224 86
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	\$1,090 31
Expended at the last session, . . .	825 28½
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Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, . .	\$265 02½

That there has been received since the last session from the following sources:

Dividend on Albany City Bank stock, . .	\$264 00
“ “ Albany Bank stock, . .	24 00
Interest on loan of \$6,000.00 . . .	420 00— \$708 00
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	\$973 02½
Of this sum there has been loaned, . . .	50 00
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Now in the hands of the Treasurer, . .	\$923 02½

The funds of the Grand Chapter are as follows:

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer as above stated, . .	\$ 923 02½
Bond and mortgage, . . .	6,000 00
Thirty-three shares Albany City Bank stock, . . .	3,300 00
Ten shares Albany Bank stock, . . .	800 00
Money loaned, . . .	50 00
Hunter and Martin's note and interest, . . .	1,490 00
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Total, . . .	\$12,063 02½

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York having learned with the deepest regret the decease of their worthy and much respected Comp. JACOB TEN BROECK VAN VECHTEN, who for a number of years filled the office of Grand High Priest, and presided over the deliberations of the Grand Chapter with dignity and honor to himself, and with the highest usefulness to the fraternity; in testimony of their respect for his manly virtues, their regard for his personal worth, and their love for his memory, do

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Chapter will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That we, the members of this Grand Chapter, do sympathize with the bereaved partner and afflicted family of our deceased Companion; and tender to them the assurance that his memory is dear to our hearts, and that our consolation is the hope that this dispensation of Divine Providence, though our mutual loss, is his great gain.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the family of our deceased Companion.

Resolved, That the Grand Chaplain be requested to pronounce an eulogy on the character of our much lamented Companion before this Grand Chapter, at its next annual communication.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet again at three o'clock this afternoon.

FEBRUARY 2D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on Grievances reported:

That they have had under consideration the petition of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, for the remission of dues up to this time, upon the promise of promptness and punctuality hereafter; and also that the removal of said Chapter from Stafford to Bethany, in the County of Genesee, should be sanctioned and approved by this Grand Chapter.

WESTERN STAR CHAPTER has undoubtedly had to contend with many embarrassments through a number of years; and the Companions thereof have done well in keeping up the organization of that body through all surrounding difficulties; and as the prospect of future ability is much improved by the location they have selected at Bethany, we recommend that the prayer of their petition be granted, their removal sanctioned, and that their dues be remitted up to this time, on their making a regular return of their officers and members to the Grand Secretary.

JAMES HERRING,
E. WADSWORTH,
E. S. BARNUM,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and it was

Resolved, That the removal of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, from Stafford to Bethany, in the County of Genesee, be and the same is hereby sanctioned and approved by this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the dues of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, be and the same are hereby remitted, upon the making of a regular return to the Grand Secretary.

The Royal Arch lecture was then given by Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and WADSWORTH.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

FEBRUARY 3D, 5841.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee to whom was referred the prospectus of the work proposed for publication by Comp. JAMES HERRING, under the title of "The Portrait Gallery of Eminent American Freemasons, and History of the Masonic Institution in the United States," reported as follows:

That they have considered the subject, and are satisfied that such a work is calculated to promote the best interests of the masonic institution, by placing before the fraternity the lives and portraits of those distinguished men who have been equally the ornament of their country and of masonry. The completion of such a work, uniting important historical information with the letters, addresses, orations, etc., on masonry from those who have been important actors in the history of our country, will tend to place our institution in its true position. The Committee, therefore, most heartily recommend the work to the Grand Chapter for its sanction and approval; and that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of the State of New York do approve of the work proposed by our M.: E.: Comp. JAMES HERRING, entitled "The Portrait Gallery of Eminent American Freemasons;" and do give to the author free access to the records and archives of this Grand Chapter for such information on our masonic history as may be necessary for his work.

The report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest reported:

That the information communicated is of high importance to this Grand Chapter, and manifests, in a gratifying manner, the attention and vigilance of our Most Excellent Companion in the discharge of the duties of his office.

He informs us that certain expelled and clandestine Masons in the City of New York have undertaken to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, under the Warrant of one of the Chapters formerly held in that city under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, but which many years since became forfeited,

though not surrendered to this grand body; we therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish the M. E. Grand High Priest or his Deputy with a list of the Chapters whose Warrants have been forfeited in the City of New York, to the end that he may demand from their present possessors the surrender thereof, together with all funds and other property of said Chapters for the use of this Grand Chapter, and that he be authorized, at his discretion, to obtain possession thereof by such means as he may think proper.

The M. E. Grand High Priest further states that, from information obtained from the R. W. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey, the Grand Chapter of that State has been dormant many years—nevertheless, that WASHINGTON CHAPTER, at Newark, which has also been dormant many years, has recently been revived without authority from any existing grand body, or of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; and that the doors of said WASHINGTON CHAPTER are opened to the expelled and clandestine Masons of the City of New York, which is contrary to the express regulations of the General Grand Chapter, and of this Grand Chapter, and a gross violation of the usages of the order as known and practiced by us.

The Grand High Priest informs us that he has interdicted the Chapters from receiving any visitors hailing from WASHINGTON CHAPTER, at Newark, unless they should be fully satisfied that such visitors have taken no part in the aforesaid unlawful proceedings. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that this act of the Grand High Priest be approved by this Grand Chapter, and that all intercourse between the Royal Arch Masons and Chapters under this jurisdiction and the aforesaid WASHINGTON CHAPTER, at Newark, New Jersey, *be strictly prohibited.*

The Grand High Priest also recommends that the R. W. Grand Lodge of this State be requested to exclude expelled or suspended, Mark Masters and Royal Arch Masons from that body, and the Lodges under its jurisdiction, in the same manner as this Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter of the United States have excluded Masons who have been expelled or suspended by the Grand Lodges, or other regularly constituted Lodges of Master Masons. Your Committee believe that such a regulation being reciprocated by the two grand bodies would be satisfactory to all Masons of every grade in good standing, and that it is desirable on many accounts, which need not be here stated; they therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to communicate to the R. W. Grand Lodge of this State, a copy of the order on this subject, adopted by this Grand Chapter in February, 1838, together with a request that the R. W. Grand Lodge will adopt a reciprocal regulation.

All which is respectfully submitted,

E. S. BARNUM,
O. HUNGERFORD,
E. WADSWORTH.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, The General Grand Chapter, and the General Grand Encampment of the United States will hold their next triennial meeting in September next, in the City of New York.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to unite with any Committee which may be appointed by the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of this State for the purpose of giving a respectful and hospitable reception to those honorable bodies.

Resolved, That M.: E.: RICHARD PENNELL, and Comps. GEORGE P. MORRIS, JAMES MILLAR, JOHN VAN DUYN, and ALEXANDER H. ROBERTSON, be said Committee.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following Companions were elected :

M.: E.: RICHARD ELLIS,	. . . . .	Grand High Priest.
" BENJAMIN ENOS,	. . . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.: JOSEPH CUYLER,	. . . . .	Grand King.
" EZRA S. BARNUM,	. . . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	. . . . .	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	. . . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" Rev. SALEM TOWN,	. . . . .	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	. . . . .	Grand Marshal.

Comp. ABRAHAM SICKELS, was appointed Grand Sentinel.

And the said officers were duly installed, excepting Comp. ELLIS, and M.: E.: Comp. PENNELL was authorized to install him.

The Grand Council appointed Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and EBENEZER WADSWORTH Grand Visitors for the ensuing year.

Appropriations were made as follows :

\$150.00 to the Grand Secretary, for salary for the ensuing year.

\$12.00 to Comp. E. WADSWORTH, for services as Assistant Grand Secretary.

\$50.00 to the Grand Treasurer, for services for ensuing year.

\$3.00 per day to the Grand Marshal, including one day before and one day after the session.

\$3.00 per day to the Grand Sentinel, including one day before and one day after the session, and also his bill for articles furnished, amounting to \$10 65½.

\$25.00 to TEMPLE CHAPTER, for use of hall at the present session.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Balance in the Treasury,	\$923 02½
Received for dues from Chapters,	288 13
“ for note and interest,	52 62½
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	\$1,263 77
For travel and attendance of members, etc., and charity,	\$789 86½
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Balance,	\$482 90½

Then the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,

Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

IN GRAND CHAPTER, FEBRUARY 8TH, 1837.

It having been represented that doubts existed as to the true intent and meaning of the eighth interrogatory of the charge to the High Priest at his installation; and also of the 11th section of the 4th article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, the subject was referred to a Committee, who made the following report:

That, in attending to the duties assigned them, they have arrived at the following conclusions: That whenever a Royal Arch Mason presents himself to any Chapter under this jurisdiction for privileges as such, not having received the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, or any one of the said degrees, in a regularly constituted Chapter, he ought not to be admitted until he shall have been regularly proposed and duly received the degrees of which he may be deficient; and on such as he has received he ought to be healed to the support of the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, the Constitution, rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter of this State, and the by-laws of the Chapter in which he claims his privilege.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and adopted; and that the Grand Secretary communicate the same to the several Chapters under this jurisdiction.

[It appears from the report of a Select Committee, to whom the subject was referred, that certain Masons residing in the City of New York had been expelled from all the rights and privileges of masonry, for unmasonic conduct, by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York; that among the persons so expelled were members of Royal Arch Chapters, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter; that the question presented itself to the said Chapter, whether such expelled Masons could enjoy the privileges of their connection with the Chapters while under the censure of the Grand Lodge; and that the said Chapters applied for advice and direction in the premises, which resulted in the adoption of the following resolution by the Grand Chapter.]

IN GRAND CHAPTER, FEBRUARY 6TH, 1838.

Resolved, That all persons who have been expelled or suspended by any

Lodge of competent jurisdiction, from all the rights and privileges of masonry, should be forbidden to visit or sit in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and that it is the duty of Royal Arch Masons to abstain from all masonic communication with persons so expelled or suspended, until they shall be duly restored to those rights and privileges.

IN GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES, }
SEPTEMBER 13TH, 5838. }

The Committee on the state of masonry, made the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution adopted:

The Committee upon the general state of masonry throughout the United States beg leave respectfully to report: That, from the information which they have been able to obtain, there is every reason for thankfulness and rejoicing in the prospects of the institution; and your Committee feel warranted in expressing, without hesitation, the decided opinion, that the time is not far distant when the institution will again stand forth to the world in all its splendor.

Your Committee cannot but regret that, amid all the encouragements afforded us, some difficulties have occurred in some sections of the country, which require the prompt and efficient action of this body. They allude particularly to the state of things in the City of New York. In 1837, the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, in pursuance of its constitutional duty, expelled from masonic privileges a number of individuals, residing in the City of New York, for a gross violation of masonic duty. Those individuals, thus expelled, have associated and resolved themselves into a Lodge, which they style a new Grand Lodge; and, as your Committee are informed, have actually organized new Lodges under their jurisdiction, and have so far imposed on innocent persons, as to induce them to take Warrants under them. Your Committee entertain a doubt how far it might be right, on the part of this Grand Chapter, to adopt any action in this matter, which might be in any way construed as an attempt on their part to interfere with the lower degrees of masonry. But they do entertain no doubt that it is the incumbent duty of this Chapter to express their reprobation of the conduct of those individuals, and at the same time to adopt such measures as will prevent the uninitiated and unwary from being misled.

Your Committee hold it as a sound principle, that a fair and just expulsion from a Lodge ought to exclude an individual from all masonic communication; and, with that view, would suggest a recommendation from this General Grand Chapter to all the subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction, to abstain from all intercourse with those acknowledging in any way the authority of the spurious Grand Lodge of New York, and would respectfully recommend to your body the following resolution:

Resolved, That the G. : G. : Secretary be directed to communicate to the different Grand Chapters under this jurisdiction the fact of the existence of a spurious Grand Lodge in the City of New York; and also the opinion of this General Grand Chapter, that there should be no masonic communication between them and any one connected with the spurious Lodge.

1842.

THE Grand Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on Tuesday, the 1st day of February, 1842.

PRESENT:

M. E. RICHARD ELLIS,	Grand High Priest.
" BENJAMIN ENOS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOSEPH CUYLER,	Grand King.
" EZRA S. BARNUM,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. ABRAHAM SICKELS,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. JAMES M. ALLEN,	P. G. H. P.
" MORDECAI MYERS,	P. G. H. P.
E. ELISHA GILBERT,	P. G. K.
" JOSEPH ENOS,	P. G. K.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.
" NATHAN GILLET,	P. G. S.

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters following:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	James Millar.
2. Phœnix,	Thomas Dugan.
5. Temple,	A. W. Stark. G. S. Gibbons. L. G. Hoffman.
6. Hudson,	L. U. Lawrence. Richard Carrique.
8. Jerusalem,	John B. Scott.
29. Washington,	Oren Stimson.
30. John the Baptist,	Orsamus Dibble.
35. Western Star,	Lewis G. Hoffman.
46. North East,	David Dakin.
48. Apollo,	N. T. Woodruff. William Perkins.
57. Oneida,	Ezra S. Barnum.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
59. Watertown,	Ithamer B. Crawe.
103. St. John's,	Rensselaer Saxe.
105. Cazenovia,	Simeon C. Hitchcock.
109. Nassau,	John A. Fricke.
Hiram, (Trenton, N. J.) .	Benjamin Enos.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form on the Mark Master's degree.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter at its last annual meeting, so far as the same relate to the Mark Master's degree, were read and approved.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

On Charity—Comps. HOFFMAN, GILBERT, and DUGAN.

On the Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. MYERS, GILLETT, and MILLAR.

On Grievances—Comps. BARNUM, DIBBLE, and FRICKE.

On Warrants—Comps. STARK, DAKIN, and HITCHCOCK.

The petition of NORTH EAST CHAPTER, No. 46, praying for a remission of dues, with the return of said Chapter, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

The petition from WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 29, praying for a remission of dues, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

A communication from JOHN THE BAPTIST CHAPTER, No. 30, reporting the expulsion of SHELDON C. PRICHARD, and asking the advice of the Grand Chapter, how far expulsion by a Chapter affects the privileges of the individual expelled in the subordinate degrees, was read, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. WADSWORTH, MYERS, and GILLETT.

The Mark Master's lecture was given by Comps. WADSWORTH and BULL.

The petition of Comp. W. U. CHASE, and others, in behalf of AMSTERDAM CHAPTER, No. 81, praying that said Chapter may be authorized to resume its labors, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

Several petitions for charity were referred to the Committee on Charity.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form on the Royal Arch degree.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter at its last annual meeting on the Royal Arch degree were read and approved.

A petition of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, praying for a remission of dues, was read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

The M.: E.: Grand High Priest made a report of his proceedings during the recess of the Grand Chapter, setting forth the flourishing and prosperous condition of the Chapters in the cities of New York and Brooklyn; that he had procured the Warrant and Seal of RISING SUN CHAPTER, No. 16, and also of EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 54, together with the book of minutes, which he had delivered to the Grand Secretary.

The G.: H.: P.: also reported :

That, during the session of the General Grand Chapter, in September last, application was made to that body by HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4, held in Trenton, N. J., for power to resume their labors, the Grand Chapter of New Jersey having forfeited its Warrant; that the General Grand Chapter, by resolution, advised HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4, to apply to the Grand Chapter of New York for permission to place themselves under its jurisdiction; that application for that purpose was then made by said Chapter to the G.: H.: P.: , who, by advice of the Grand Council, granted a Dispensation to said Chapter, authorizing its members to resume their labors, they placing themselves under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of New York, until the pleasure of this Grand Chapter could be known at its present annual meeting; that HIRAM CHAPTER has accordingly resumed its labors, and has made return to the Grand Secretary, as required by said Dispensation, and now makes application to be received under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

The said report, having been read, was referred to the Committee on Warrants.

The petition of HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4, held at Trenton, N. J., setting forth that, by reason of the forfeiture of the Warrant of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, the said HIRAM CHAPTER is not under the jurisdiction of any regularly constituted body, holding authority from the General Grand Chapter of the

United States, and praying to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York; together with the papers accompanying the same, viz., a Dispensation granted by the M.: E.: Grand High Priest, a return of the members, etc., together with the dues accrued under said Dispensation; a copy of the By-Laws of said Chapter, and a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of said Chapter since the granting of said Dispensation, were read, and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter reported as follows:

That the amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer	
at the commencement of the last session, was . . .	\$923 02
Received at the last session,	340 74
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	\$1,268 76

Expended at the last session,	\$789 86
Paid to Grand Chapter's Committee in New	
York,	100 00
Printing,	17 50—
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	907 86

Balance in the hands of Treasurer,	<hr/>	\$356 40
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Revenue from permanent funds, since received:	
Dividend at Albany City Bank,	\$264 00
" " " Bank,	24 00
Interest on bond and mortgage,	420 00—
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	708 00

Now in the hands of the Treasurer,	<hr/>	\$1,064 40
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The funds of the Grand Chapter are as follows:

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer as above, . . .	\$1,064 40
Bond and mortgage,	6,000 00
Thirty-three shares Albany City Bank,	3,300 00
Ten shares Albany Bank,	300 00
Hunter & Martin's note and interest,	1,560 00
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Total,	\$12,224 40

The Committee appointed at the last annual communication of the Grand Chapter to unite with a Committee of the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of this State, for the purpose of giving a fraternal and hospitable reception to the members of the General Grand Encampment and General Grand Chapter of the United States at their triennial meeting in September, 1841, made the following report:

To the Most Excellent the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York :

Your Committee, having attended to their appointed duties, respectfully report:

That they united the Committees of the three grand bodies of the State into a Joint Committee, and acted throughout their proceedings as one Committee, representing the several orders of the fraternity of this State.

They provided for the two general grand bodies, as the most suitable place for their meetings, the room occupied by the Encampments and Chapters of this city, at No. 33 Canal street.

They called to their aid several Brethren of well known talent and ability, to render the ceremonials of the occasion impressive and appropriate; and having ascertained that most of the members of the two general grand bodies were officers of the Grand Lodges of the several States, they deemed it within the sphere of their duty, and the opportunity too favorable to be passed, to extend their invitations to the first six officers of the several Grand Lodges between Massachusetts, Vermont, Ohio, and Virginia.

The 16th of September was appointed for the commencement of the public ceremonies arranged by your Committee, and published in the accompanying document, marked No. 1. Accordingly, on the morning of that day, about four hundred Brethren assembled in the uniform dress recommended by your Committee, and escorted our guests to the Broadway Tabernacle, where were assembled a large congregation of the friends and families of the fraternity, amongst whom was estimated to be at least two thousand ladies.

Here the following exercises were performed :

- 1st. A voluntary on the organ, by Bro. C. E. HORN.
- 2d. The whole congregation united in singing the 100th Psalm.
- 3d. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Bro. PUNSHON, of Ohio.
- 4th. An ode written for the occasion by Bro. THOMAS POWER, of Boston, was sung.
- 5th. An address of welcome was pronounced by Sir RICHARD CARRIQUE, of Hudson, on behalf of the Grand Encampment of the State.
- 6th. An address from the Grand Chapter, by Comp. JOHN A. MORRILL.
- 7th. An extemporaneous address of welcome and congratulation, in the name of the Grand Lodge, was then delivered by Bro. JAMES HERRING, Grand Secretary.
- 8th. An address in reply by the General Grand Master of the General Grand Encampment of the United States, Sir JAMES M. ALLEN.
- 9th. The address on behalf of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, by Comp. the Rev. PAUL DEAN, G.: G.: H.: P.:
- 10th. An original masonic hymn, compsed by Bro. GEORGE P. MORRIS, and set to music by Bro. CHARLES E. HORN, was sung by the choir.
- 11th. Benediction, by the M.: E.: G.: G.: H.: P.:

The congregation then separated, and the fraternity returned in procession to their several places of assembling.

At five o'clock P. M. of the same day, a complimentary dinner was given by the fraternity to their guests, at the Apollo saloon.

On Saturday, the 18th, your Committee conducted their guests through the City Hall, whence they departed on an excursion to visit the public works and institutions in the vicinity of the city. After examining the aqueduct and reservoirs of the Croton Water Works, they were conducted over the Penitentiary on Blackwell's Island; thence to Long Island, where that most interesting of our public charitable institutions, the Farm School, was inspected; thence back again to Blackwell's Island, and visited the Lunatic Asylum. After dinner they were conveyed by water to Bellevue, and conducted through the various departments of that extensive asylum for the poor and destitute. They then returned to the city.

Having thus given a brief statement of their acts, your Committee feel impelled to express the high satisfaction experienced from the able support and hearty good will of the members of the fraternity who assisted them in the various departments of their duties.

The procession formed on the morning of the 16th, though not so numerous as could have been desired, was arranged in strict compliance with the expressed directions of the Committee, with uniform neatness and good taste, and was conducted throughout with such perfect order and decorum that it will be long remembered to the honor of the fraternity.

The number of the guests assembled from the various States of the Union, and entertained on this interesting occasion by your Committee, was forty. Their names and masonic rank are contained in the document annexed, and marked No. 2. Your Committee regret that many of their visitors could not remain in the city to accompany them on the excursion to the public institutions.

Your Committee deem it a duty to mention that the thanks of the fraternity are due to Bro. THOMAS POWER, of Boston, for his ode, written at their request. To Bro. GEORGE P. MORRIS, one of the members of your Committee, for the masonic hymn written by him for this occasion. To Bro. CHARLES E. HORN (who presided at the organ during the services at the Tabernacle), for his composition, and superintendence of the department of sacred music; and to the ladies and gentlemen of the choir who aided him during the exercises of the day. To Bro. JONATHAN DODGE, who performed the duties of Grand Marshal of the day, and Treasurer of the Committee. To Brn. CARRIQUE and MORRILL, for their prompt compliance with the requisitions of the Committee. To Brn. GREENFIELD, STEWART, and WRENMAN, for their attention to our guests on their excursion to the public buildings, on the 18th. To Dr. McCLENNAN, the resident physician at Blackwell's Island, to Mr. BROWN, the governor there, and to Mr. JOHN MYERS, the superintendent, and Mr. ABRAHAM VAN CLEEF, the deputy-superintendent at Bellevue, for their attention and courtesy. To Bro. GEORGE ALKER, for the gratuitous use of the Chapter room for the triennial meeting of the two general grand bodies. To Bro. WILLIAM M. STONE, of the Howard House, for his attention and courtesy to the Committee during their numerous meetings on business. To Bro. RICHARD PENNELL, for his attention and urbanity in the discharge of his duties of Chairman of the Joint Committee; and to Bro. JAMES HERRING, for his indefatigable exertions and arduous services as Secretary of the Committee.

In the performance of the duties of their appointment, your Committee have expended \$926.00; \$300.00 of which was contributed by the three grand bodies, and \$626.00 by individual subscription.

Your Committee, in closing their report, have only to add that they have been happy in being the agents of the fraternity of the State of New York, in returning to our distinguished visitors some portion of that attention and fraternal respect which have been by them uniformly paid to Brethren from this State: and your Committee trust and believe that the result will be altogether advantageous to our institution, both at home and abroad; and they recommend that a full account of the proceedings on the 16th and 18th inst. be published by the three grand bodies in their proceedings.

RICHARD PENNELL, M. D.,
JOHN VAN DUYN,
ALEX. H. ROBERTSON,
JAMES MILLAR,
G. P. MORRIS,

Committee.

Grand Lodge Committee Room, New York, Sept. 27, 5841.

The Grand Chaplain delivered an address replete with elevated sentiments and enlarged views of the beneficent tendency of our order, and eloquently enforcing the duties we owe to each other and to the world; in the course of which was introduced a suitable tribute to the respected memory of our deceased Companion, JACOB T. B. VAN VECHTEN, late Grand High Priest.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented to the Rev. Grand Chaplain for his able address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FEBRUARY 2D.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on Charity reported on the several petitions referred to them, and recommended several appropriations to the amount of \$110.00, which report was adopted.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the communication of JOHN THE BAPTIST CHAPTER, No. 30, reporting the expulsion of SHELDON C. PRICHARD, and asking the advice of the Grand Chapter how far expulsion by a Chapter affects the

privileges of the individual expelled in the subordinate degrees, reported :

That the proceedings of the said Chapter in the expulsion of **SHELDON C. PRITCHARD** have been correct and proper. That the subject embraced in the application for advice has been presented to the notice of the Grand Lodge of this State, and is understood to be under consideration by that body, and will probably be determined at its annual meeting in June next; that the opinion of this Grand Chapter on this subject has been expressed in a resolution, passed February 6th, 5838, and therefore, your Committee do not deem it necessary to take any further action on the subject at this time. In the mean time, your Committee would suggest that it would be proper for the Master's Lodge, of which the said **PRITCHARD** is a member, to take cognizance of the charges which have been made against him.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter do agree with the Committee in their said report.

The Committee on Warrants, to which was referred the petition of **NORTH EAST CHAPTER, No. 46**, reported the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That **NORTH EAST CHAPTER, No. 46**, be restored to its standing, on payment of one year's dues, and the balance of dues be remitted.

The Committee on Warrants, to which was referred the report of the Grand High Priest, of his proceedings during the recess of the Grand Chapter, reported the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand High Priest during the recess of the Grand Chapter, as reported by him, be and the same are hereby approved.

The Committee on Warrants, to which was referred the petition of **HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4**, held in the City of Trenton, in the State of New Jersey, reported :

That they had carefully examined the said petition and the papers accompanying the same, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted; and they therefore recommend that **HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4**, held at Trenton, New Jersey, be received under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, on compliance by said Chapter with the rules and general regulations of this Grand Chapter, in the same manner as is required of subordinate Chapters now under its jurisdiction.

Thereupon, it was

Resolved, That HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4, held at Trenton, in the State of New Jersey, having complied with the conditions required, and having paid dues while holding under the Dispensation of the Grand High Priest, be and the same is hereby received and recognized as a Royal Arch Chapter, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, with all the rights and privileges, and subject to the duties of a Chapter subordinate to this Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Warrants, to which was referred the petition of WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 29, reported the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the dues of WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 29, be and the same are hereby remitted.

The same Committee reported the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Warrant and Seal of HOREB CHAPTER, No. 7, surrendered to the Grand Scribe, be and the same is hereby received by the Grand Chapter.

The same Committee, to which was referred the petition of Comp. W. U. CHASE, in behalf of AMSTERDAM CHAPTER, No. 81, reported the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Warrant of AMSTERDAM CHAPTER, No. 81, be and the same is hereby revived ; that all dues in arrear be remitted, and that M. E. JOSEPH CUYLER, Grand King, be and he is hereby appointed to re-organize said Chapter ; and that said Chapter be authorized to proceed to the election of officers to hold until the next annual election.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Chapter, who attended the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, in September last, be allowed the same compensation for travel and attendance as is allowed for attendance of members at this Grand Chapter.

Adjourned to three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 2D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year ; and the following were duly elected :

M. E. RICHARD ELLIS, of New York, . . .	Grand High Priest.
" BENJAMIN ENOS, of De Ruyter, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOSEPH CUYLER, of Johnstown, . . .	Grand King.
" EZRA S. BARNUM, of Utica, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE, of Albany, . . .	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN, of New York, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" Rev. SALEM TOWN, of Aurora, . . .	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun., of New Lebanon, . . .	Grand Marshal.
Comp. ABRAHAM SICKELS, of Albany, . . .	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed.

The Grand Council appointed Comps. EBENEZER WADSWORTH and JOSEPH ENOS Grand Visitors.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the proceedings on the Mark degree be approved.

Appropriations were made as follows:

\$25.00 to the Grand Chaplain in addition to his pay as a member.
\$150.00 to the Grand Secretary, salary for the ensuing year.
\$20.00 to Comp. E. WADSWORTH, for services as Assistant Grand Secretary this session.
\$50.00 to the Grand Treasurer, salary for ensuing year.
\$25.00 to TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 5, for use of hall this session.
\$3.00 per day to the Grand Marshal.
\$3.00 per day to the Grand Sentinel.
\$10.75 to the Grand Sentinel for articles furnished.

After solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

JOHN O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIVED.	
Balance in the Treasury,	\$1,064 40
Received for dues,	292 33
Total,	\$1,356 73
EXPENDED.	
For travel and attendance of members,	\$199 10
Richard Ellis, G. H. P., for do,	\$25 32
" " for attending G. G. C.,	12 00
	37 32
Carried forward,	\$236 42

Brought forward,		\$236 42
Benjamin Enos, D. G. H. P.,	22 00	
" " for attending G. G. C.,	47 32	
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Joseph Cuyler, G. K.,	10 00	
" " for attending G. G. C.,	39 32	
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Ezra S. Barnum, G. S.,	16 79	
James M. Allen, P. G. H. P.,	30 66	
M. Myers, P. G. H. P.,	8 00	
Elisha Gilbert, P. G. K.,	8 00	
Joseph Enos, P. G. K.,	40 70	
Nathan Gillett, P. G. S.,	26 66	
Ebenezer Wadsworth, P. G. S.,	28 00	
John O. Cole, G. Secretary,	150 00	
G. W. Ryckman, G. Treasurer,	50 00	
Rev. Salem Town, G. Chaplain,	63 66	
John Bull, Jun., G. Marshal,	20 00	
Abraham Sickels, G. Sentinel,	22 75	
Charity,	110 00	
Temple Chapter, for use of hall, &c.,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$980 28
Total,		<hr/>

1843.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on the 7th day of February, 5843.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: RICHARD ELLIS,	Grand High Priest.
" BENJAMIN ENOS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.: JOSEPH CUYLER,	Grand King.
" EZRA S. BARNUM,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN ORTON COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. ABRAHAM SICKELS,	Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: JAMES M. ALLEN,	P.: G.: H.: P.:
E.: JOSEPH ENOS,	P.: G.: K.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:
" NATHAN GILLETT,	P.: G.: S.:

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters named in the following table, who presented their credentials and took their seats as members of the Grand Chapter:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	William Boardman.
2. Phœnix,	Thomas Dugan.
4. Hiram,	Robert R. Boyd.
5. Temple,	Elias Vanderlip, Jun. Hiram Arnold.
6. Hudson,	L. U. Lawrence.
8. Jerusalem,	Alexander Copeland.
30. John the Baptist,	Samuel E. Day.
35. Western Star,	L. G. Hoffman.
48. Apollo,	A. J. Rousseau. A. Weatherbee. D. Taylor.
57. Oneida,	Ezra S. Barnum.
59. Watertown,	Hiram K. Newcomb.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
93. Olive Branch,	R. M. Shearer.
103. St. John's,	John S. Weed.
105. Cazenovia,	S. C. Hitchcock.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form on the Mark Master's degree.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter at its last annual communication were read and approved.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows :

On Charity—Comps. GILLETT, HOFFMAN, and NEWCOMB.

On Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. ALLEN, J. ENOS, and HITCHCOCK.

On Grievances—Comps. ROUSSEAU, DAY, and WEED.

On Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, VANDERLIP, and WEATHERBEE.

Adjourned on the Mark degree until nine o'clock A. M. tomorrow, and to meet on the Royal Arch degree at three o'clock this P. M.

FEBRUARY 7TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The memorial of NORTH EAST CHAPTER, No. 46, stating the circumstances which prevented the election of said Chapter at the time designated by the Constitution, and praying for permission to hold a new election, was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Warrants.

The memorial of the late H. P. and the Treasurer of NEW BERLIN CHAPTER, No. 38, praying for permission to resume its labors, was read, and referred to the same Committee.

The memorial of the late H. P. of JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER, No. 78, to the like effect, was read, and referred to the same Committee.

The memorial of NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 109, praying that their dues may be remitted, was read, and referred to the same Committee.

On motion of Comp. WEED, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The use of intoxicating liquors at the meetings of Chapters or Lodges is of evil tendency and example, therefore,

Resolved, That the same is hereby expressly forbidden in all the Chapters and Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, under any pretence whatever.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter reported:

That the amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer at the commencement of the last session, was . . .	\$1,064 40
.Received for dues at the last session,	292 33
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	\$1,356 73
Expended at the last session,	998 28
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Leaving in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, \$358 45

There has been received the following sums:

Dividend on Albany City Bank stock,	\$264 00
Albany Bank stock,	24 00
Interest on bond and mortgage,	420 00—
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	708 00

Now in the hands of the Treasurer, \$1,066 45

The funds of the Grand Chapter are as follows:

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer as above stated, . . .	\$1,066 45
Bond and Mortgage,	6,000 00
Thirty-three shares Albany City Bank stock,	3,300 00
Ten shares Albany Bank stock,	300 00
Hunter & Martin's note, and interest to Feb. 1, 1843, . . .	1,630 00
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Total,	\$12,296 45

The G. . H. . P. . made a report of his proceedings during the recess of the Grand Chapter, which were approved; and he returned the Warrant of JERUSALEM TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 52, held at Newburgh, which had been surrendered to him.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet again on the Royal Arch degree at eleven o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 8TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to business on the Mark degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The lecture of the Mark degree was given by the Grand Visitors.

The Grand Chapter was closed in due form on the Mark degree, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

The Committee on Warrants, to whom was referred the memorial of NORTH EAST CHAPTER, No. 46, made a report concluding with the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That NORTH EAST CHAPTER, No. 46, be and they are hereby authorized to hold an election of officers to preside the current year, and that Comp. JOHN W. SNYDER, a P. H. P. of said Chapter, be authorized to summon said Chapter, and preside at such election, and install the officers which shall be chosen.

The same Committee, to whom was referred the memorial in relation to NEW BERLIN CHAPTER, No. 38, reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That NEW BERLIN CHAPTER, No. 38, be and is hereby authorized to resume its labors; and that the dues of said Chapter to the Grand Chapter, to the present time, be remitted; and that Comp. ROUSE CLARK, a P. H. P. of said Chapter, be and he is hereby authorized to summon the members of said Chapter, preside at an election, and install the officers who may be chosen, conforming in all things to the Constitution and general regulations of the Grand Chapter.

On the application of JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER, No. 78, the following resolution was adopted by the Grand Chapter:

Resolved, That JOHNSTOWN CHAPTER, No. 78, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to resume its labors, and that the dues of said Chapter to the Grand Chapter, up to the present time, be remitted; and that Comp. JOSEPH CYLER, Past Grand King, be and he is hereby authorized to summon the members of said Chapter, and if nine worthy members attend, to preside at an election, and install the officers who may be chosen, conforming in all things to the Constitution and general regulations of the Grand Chapter.

On the application of NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 109, asking for a remission of dues, it was

Resolved, That the prayer of the said Chapter be granted.

The Grand Chaplain delivered an able and eloquent address, on the subject of symbolic emblems, and a resolution was passed requesting a copy for publication.

The Standing Committee on Secretary's and Treasurer's books, made the following report:

That they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them to be correctly stated and supported by the requisite vouchers, and have duly certified the same on the books of the Grand Treasurer.

Your Committee further report that the state of the funds of the Grand Chapter are correctly set forth in the report of the Trustees. They are also informed that the funds are all properly secured, but that the estate of the late Comp. HUNTER, from which there is now due the sum of \$1,630.00, is insolvent, and nothing is expected to be received therefrom. The only resource remaining for the recovery of the amount of the said debt is the obligation of the securities for the loan to the late Comps. HUNTER and MARTIN.

The report was accepted and adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Trustees be and they are hereby directed to take such efficient measures for the collection of the demand against the late Comps. HUNTER and MARTIN as may be in their power.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 8TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Standing Committee made a report recommending donations to several persons, amounting to \$95.00, which were ordered paid.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 9TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

A number of Royal Arch Masons from New Jersey having applied to the Grand High Priest for a Warrant to hold a Chapter at Newark, in said State, and on investigation of the merits of the said application, it appeared that said Companions had not received the degree of Royal Arch in a Chapter

lawfully constituted, which being reported to the Grand Chapter, the case was referred to the Grand Council, who, after consideration, gave the following opinion, viz:

That such Companions may, on application to some regular Chapter, if otherwise found worthy, be received as members, on being duly healed, without paying the constitutional fee for the degrees.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers with the following result:

M.: E.: RICHARD ELLIS, of New York, . . .	Grand High Priest.
" BENJAMIN ENOS, of De Ruyter, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" EZRA S. BARNUM, of Utica, . . .	Grand King
" ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU, of Troy, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE, of Albany, . . .	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN, of New York, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" Rev. SALEM TOWN, of Aurora, . . .	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun., of New Lebanon, . . .	Grand Marshal.
Comp. ABRAHAM SICKELS, of Albany, . . .	Grand Sentinel.

Comps. EBENEZER WADSWORTH and JOSEPH ENOS were appointed Grand Visitors.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 9TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Confirming all proceedings had on the Mark degree this session.

Appropriating \$25.00 to Comp. SALEM TOWN, in addition to his pay as a member.

Allowing the Grand Secretary \$150.00, and the Grand Treasurer \$50.00, as salaries for the ensuing year; also, \$20.00 to Comp. WADSWORTH, for services as Assistant Grand Secretary this session.

Appropriating \$25.00 to TEMPLE CHAPTER, for use of its hall the present session; also, \$3.00 per day to the Grand Marshal and Grand Sentinel, including one day before and one day after the session, and \$7.63 to the Grand Sentinel for articles furnished.

Then, after a solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

JOHN O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIVED.

Received for dues,	\$252 61
Dividends and interest,	708 00
Total,	<u>\$960 61</u>

EXPENDED.

For pay of members,	\$257 36
Richard Ellis, G. H. P., for travel,	27 32
Benjamin Enos, D. G. H. P., for travel,	24 00
E. S. Barnum, G. K., for travel,	18 79
J. M. Allen, P. G. H. P., for travel,	82 66
Joseph Enos, P. G. K.,	42 70
Joseph Cuyler, P. G. K.,	10 00
N. Gillett, P. G. S.,	28 66
Rev. Salem Town, G. C.,	65 66
John O. Cole, G. Secretary, salary,	150 00
G. W. Ryckman, G. Treasurer, salary,	50 00
E. Wadsworth, Assistant G. S.,	30 00
John Bull, Jun., G. Marshal,	25 00
A. Sickels, G. Sentinel,	22 63
A. W. Starks, for expenses,	25 00
Temple Chapter, for use of hall,	25 00
Counterfeit bill,	5 00
Charity,	95 00
Balance,	125 83
Total,	<u><u>\$960 61</u></u>

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THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York,
convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany,
on the 6th day of February, A.: L.: 5844.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: BENJAMIN ENOS,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.: EZRA S. BARNUM,	Grand King.
" ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun.,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. ABRAHAM SICKELS,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

E.: JOSEPH ENOS,	P.: G.: K.:
" ELISHA GILBERT,	P.: G.: S.:
" NATHAN GILLETT,	P.: G.: S.:
" JONATHAN EIGHTS,	P.: G.: S.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters named in
the following table, who presented their credentials and took
their seats as members:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	William Boardman.
2. Phoenix,	Thomas Dugan.
4. Hiram,	Elias Phillips.
5. Temple,	J. Eights.
	Lewis G. Hoffman.
	J. M. Hughes.
6. Hudson,	Richard Carrique.
8. Jerusalem,	Robert R. Boyd.
22. Warren,	Samuel Richards.
30. John the Baptist,	O. M. Welch.
46. North East,	David Dakin.
48. Apollo,	A. J. Rousseau.
	D. Taylor.
	S. C. Leggett.
57. Oncida,	John A. Russ.

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
59. Watertown,	H. K. Newcomb.
88. Ames,	H. W. Campbell. Henry Maxwell.
93. Olive Branch, . . .	Robert M. Shearer.
103. St. John's,	Rensselaer Saxe. J. R. Weed.
105. Cazenovia,	E. S. Williams.

The Grand Chapter was opened on the Mark Master's degree in due form.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, at its last annual communication, were read and approved.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

On Charity—Comps. GILBERT, HOFFMAN, and DUGAN.

On Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. NEWCOMB, BOYD, and WELCH.

On Grievances—Comps. WEED, GILLETT, and DAKIN.

On Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, ROUSSEAU, and BOYD.

A petition from NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 109, for remission of dues was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances.

Comp. R. R. BOYD announced the painful intelligence of the decease of M.: E.: RICHARD ELLIS, the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, during the recess, and paid an eloquent and deserved tribute to the merits of the deceased.

Whereupon, on motion of Comp. CARRIQUE, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Grand Chapter of the State of New York, now convened, have been informed of the death of the M.: E.: RICHARD ELLIS, Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter; deeply impressed with the loss they have sustained, and duly appreciating the eminent services of this distinguished individual while presiding officer of this body, feel it to be their duty and sacred privilege to pay the tribute of respect to departed worth, and to record in their proceedings the testimony of their high respect, therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter be dressed in the proper habiliments of mourning during the session; that its members deeply sympathize with the afflicted family of the deceased in the loss they have sustained, and that the Secretary transmit to them a copy of this resolution.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet again on the

Mark degree at nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow, and on the Royal Arch degree at three o'clock this P. M.

FEBRUARY 6TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

Comp. BOYD communicated a report of the proceedings of the late M. E. Grand High Priest during the recess of the Grand Chapter, which was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Warrants.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter, reported:

That the amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer at the commencement of the last session was . . .	\$1,066 45
Received for dues at the last session, . . .	262 61

Making, together, the sum of . . .	\$1,329 06
That there was expended at the last session, . . .	884 78

Leaving in the hands of Treasurer, . . .	\$494 28
There has since been received dividends on	
Albany City Bank stock, . . .	\$264 00
Dividends on Bank of Albany stock, . . .	24 00
Interest on bond and mortgage . . .	420 00— \$708 00

Now in the hands of the Treasurer, . . .	\$1,202 28
The funds of the Grand Chapter are as follows:	
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer, as above stated, . . .	\$1,202 28
Bond and mortgage, . . .	6,000 00
Thirty-three shares of Albany City Bank stock, . . .	3,000 00
Ten shares Bank of Albany stock, . . .	300 00
Hunter & Martin's note, and interest, . . .	1,700 00

Total, . . .	\$12,502 28
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On motion of Comp. DUGAN, it was

Resolved, That Comp. RICHARD CARRIQUE be respectfully requested to deliver an eulogy on the character and services of our lamented late Grand High Priest, RICHARD ELLIS, at the next annual communication of this body.

Comp. JAMES M. ALLEN, P. G. H. P., was announced, when objection was made to his admission on the ground that

grave charges were made against him, whereupon a Committee, consisting of Comps. WADSWORTH, DUGAN, and HOFFMAN, was appointed to examine into the subject and report to the Grand Chapter; the Committee, after some inquiry, made a report, when they were instructed to furnish Comp. ALLEN with a copy of the charges against him. Comp. ALLEN was then admitted, and was heard in his defense, after which, it was

Resolved, That the complaint against Comp. ALLEN be referred to a Committee for investigation; that they be directed to send for persons and papers, and make a report to the Grand Council, who shall take such order thereon as they shall judge expedient, which shall be final.

Comps. WADSWORTH, HOFFMAN, and COLE, were appointed such Committee.

Adjourned to meet on the Royal Arch degree at ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 7TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The lecture of the Mark degree was given by Comps. WADSWORTH and BULL.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in due form on the Mark degree, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the last annual meeting, in relation to NORTH EAST CHAPTER, No. 46, remitting dues, etc., be renewed and extended to the present year.

The Committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary reported that they had attended to that duty, and found them correct.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of Comp. BOYD, in behalf of our late M.: E.: G.: H.: P.:, reported:

That they approve of the proceedings of the late M.: E.: G.: H.: P.:; and that so much of said report as relates to the recusitation of WASHINGTON CHAPTER, at Newark, New Jersey — which recusitation, in the opinion of

your Committee, is informal—be referred to the Grand Council, with power to take such measures as they shall deem expedient.

Resolved, That the said report be accepted and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 109, for remission of dues, recommend that the subject be referred to the Deputy Grand High Priest, which was adopted.

The officers of the Grand Chapter, elected for the ensuing year, are as follows :

M. E. BENJAMIN ENOS, of De Ruyter, . . .	Grand High Priest.
" ROBERT R. BOYD, of New York, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. EZRA S. BARNUM, of Utica, . . .	Grand King.
" ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU, of Troy, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE, of Albany, . . .	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN, of New York, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" Rev. SALEM TOWN, of Aurora, . . .	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun., of New Lebanon, . . .	Grand Marshal.

Comp. A. SICKELS, of Albany, was appointed Grand Sentinel.

Comps. EBENEZER WADSWORTH and JOSEPH ENOS were appointed Grand Visitors.

The Grand Chaplain delivered the annual address, which was marked with the usual ability of that worthy divine.

On application of several members of ELMIRA CHAPTER, No. 42, it was

Resolved, That ELMIRA CHAPTER, No. 42, be and is hereby authorized to resume its labors ; and that the dues of said Chapter to the Grand Chapter, up to the present time, be remitted ; and that Comp. HEZEKIAH W. ATKINS, a Past High Priest of said Chapter, be and he is hereby instructed to summon the members of said Chapter, preside at an election of officers, and install the same, conforming in all things to the Constitution and general regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 7TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee on Charity reported in favor of granting

relief to several persons to the amount of \$120.00, and the Grand Treasurer was directed to pay the same.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to subscribe, for the use of the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, for one copy of the *American Masonic Register* for each of said Chapters; and such subscription to be paid for out of the funds of this Grand Chapter, and to continue only for one year, unless otherwise directed by this body.

The proceedings had on the Mark degree this session were confirmed.

The Royal Arch lecture was given by the Grand Visitors.

Appropriations were made as follows:

The Grand Chaplain was allowed \$25.00, in addition to his pay as a member; and Comp. E. WADSWORTH \$20.00, for his services as Assistant Grand Secretary this session.

The salary of the Grand Secretary for the ensuing year was fixed at \$150.00, and the Grand Treasurer \$50.00.

The Grand Marshal and Grand Sentinel were each allowed \$3.00 per day for their services, including one day previous to and one day subsequent to the annual meeting.

TEMPLE CHAPTER was allowed \$25.00 for use of its hall.

On motion, the sum of \$10.00 was ordered paid to Comp. MAXWELL towards his expenses in attending the Grand Chapter.

Then, after a solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIVED.

Received for dues,	\$273 59
Dividends and interest,	708 00
Total,	\$981 59

EXPENDED.

For pay of members,	\$318 81
Benjamin Enos, G. H. P., for travel, etc.,	22 00
Ezra S. Barnum, G. K., for travel,	16 79
Carried forward,	\$357 60

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Brought forward,	\$357 60
A. J. Rousseau, G. S., for travel,	4 00
Rev. Salem Town, Grand Chaplain,	68 66
J. Bull, Jun., Grand Marshal,	20 00
Joseph Enos, P. G. K.,	40 70
Elisha Gilbert, P. G. S.,	8 00
Nathan Gillet, P. G. S.,	26 68
John O. Cole, Grand Secretary, salary,	150 00
G. W. Ryckman, Grand Treasurer, salary,	50 00
E. Wadsworth, Assistant Secretary,	24 00
A. Sickels, Grand Sentinel,	16 00
J. M. Allen, P. G. H. P.,	30 68
H. Maxwell,	10 00
L. G. Hoffman, for printing,	15 25
“ for subscriptions to <i>Register</i> ,	20 00
For use of Chapter Hall,	25 00
Charity,	120 00
Balance,	06
Total,	<u><u>\$981 59</u></u>

1845.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on the 4th day of February, 5845.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: BENJAMIN ENOS,	Grand High Priest.
" ROBERT R. BOYD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.: EZRA S. BARNUM,	Grand King.
" ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, JUN.,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. ABRAHAM SICKELS,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

E.: JOSEPH ENOS,	P.: G.: K.:
" ELISHA GILBERT,	P.: G.: S.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters named in the following table, who presented their credentials and took their seats as members:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	William Boardman.
2. Phoenix,	Henry C. Towner.
4. Hiram,	Elias Phillips.
5. Temple,	L. G. Hoffman.
	S. Van Vechten.
	J. M. Hughes.
6. Hudson,	Richard Carrique.
8. Jerusalem,	Elias W. Nexsen.
30. John the Baptist,	Samuel E. Day.
48. Apollo,	Stephen A Leggett.
	D. Taylor.
57. Oneida,	Ira Chase.
59. Watertown,	I. B. Crawe.
101. St. John's,	John S. Weed,
105. Cazenovia,	S. C. Hitchcock.
109. Nassau,	Alexander Copeland.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form on the Mark Master's degree.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last annual communication were read and approved.

Standing Committees were appointed as follows:

On Charity—Comps. CRAWE, HOFFMAN, and NEXSEN.

On Books of Secretary and Treasurer—Comps. J. ENOS, TOWNER, and LEGGETT.

On Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, WEED, and COPELAND.

On Grievances—Comps. WEED, GILBERT, and CHASE.

Several petitions for charity were read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Charity.

A memorial of EDEN FOSTER, of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35; and also a statement of M. E. BLANCHARD POWERS, H. P. of said Chapter, relative to certain matters in controversy, were read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet again on the Mark degree at nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow, and on the Royal Arch degree at three o'clock this P. M.

FEBRUARY 4TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form on the Royal Arch degree.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter reported:

That there was in the treasury at the commencement of the last session,	\$1,202 28
Received for dues at the last session,	273 59

	\$1,475 87
Expended last session,	986 56

Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$489 31
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There has since been received:

For dividends,	\$285 00
Interest on bond and mortgage,	420 00—
	705 00

Now in the hands of the Treasurer, . .	\$1,194 31
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The funds of the Grand Chapter are as follows:

Cash as above stated,	\$1,194 81
Bond and mortgage,	6,000 00
Stock in Albany City Bank,	3,300 00
Stock in Bank of Albany,	800 00
Hunter & Martin's debt and interest,	1,770 00

Total,	<u>\$12,564 81</u>
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The Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests made reports of their proceedings during the recess of the Grand Chapter, which were referred to the Committee on Warrants.

The Royal Arch lecture was given by the Grand Visitors.

The Grand Council, to whom was referred the charges made against Comp. JAMES M. ALLEN, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, with power to adjudge and finally determine the matter in relation to said charges, made a detailed report, setting forth the facts ascertained by them, and their decision that the said JAMES M. ALLEN has been guilty of gross immoral and unmasonic conduct, and that he be expelled from all the rights and privileges of a member of this Grand Chapter, and from the privileges and benefits of a member of the masonic institution; whereupon

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Council on the charges made against JAMES M. ALLEN be and the same are hereby approved; and that the said JAMES M. ALLEN be and he is hereby expelled from all the rights and privileges of masonry, and that this resolution be published in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

Adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 5TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The lecture of the Mark Master's degree was then given by the Grand Visitors; and the Grand Chapter was closed in due form on that degree, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the annual election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

M. E. ELISHA GILBERT, New Lebanon, . . .	Grand High Priest.
" ROBERT R. BOYD, New York, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. EZRA S. BARNUM, Utica, . . .	Grand King.
" ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU, Troy, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE, Albany, . . .	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN, New York, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" Rev. SALEM TOWN, Aurora, . . .	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun., New Lebanon, . . .	Grand Marshal.
Comp. ABRAHAM SICKELS, Albany, . . .	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Council appointed Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and EBENEZER WADSWORTH Grand Visitors.

The Grand Officers were then duly installed.

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the matters of difference between Comps. BLANCHARD POWERS and EDEN FOSTER, and others, of Batavia, reported:

That they have given the papers submitted to them a patient examination; that they have also had recourse to such other testimony as they have been able to obtain, and have come to the conclusion that a wrong exists among said Companions, but the testimony furnished, being, in the opinion of the Committee, insufficient to enable them to arrive at any definite conclusion, they recommend that the whole matter be referred to the M. E. Grand High Priest, with power; and that the M. E. depute some competent Companion in that region to investigate the whole matter, and report to him, as soon as may be convenient, if he shall deem such course expedient.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Adjourned until three o'clock this P. M.

FEBRUARY 5TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Committee on Charity reported in favor of granting aid to several persons, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$127.00, which was ordered paid.

The Committee on the Treasurer's and Secretary's books, and the report of the Trustees, reported that they had examined the same and found them correct.

The Committee on Warrants reported that no business had been presented to their consideration, and they were discharged.

Resolved, That hereafter all applications for revival of dormant Chapters, the petition and petitioners, shall be recommended in the same manner as is provided in the Constitution in relation to applications for new Warrants.

Resolved, That the subscription of the Grand Chapter for copies of the *Masonic Register*, edited by Comp. L. G. HOFFMAN, be continued for the present year, and that it be recommended to the officers of subordinate Chapters to use their influence to extend the circulation of the work.

Comp. CARRIQUE, pursuant to appointment by the Grand Chapter, delivered an eulogy on the character of the late M.: E.: RICHARD ELLIS, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chaplain delivered the annual address.

On motion of Comp. COPELAND:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to Comp. RICHARD CARRIQUE, for his appropriate and solemn address on the masonic merits of our late and lamented M.: E.: Grand High Priest, RICHARD ELLIS, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented to the Rev. Grand Chaplain for his able and eloquent address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

Resolved, That the proceedings had in the Mark degree this session be and the same are hereby approved.

Appropriations were made as follows:

\$25.00 to Comp. SALEM TOWN, in addition to his pay as a member.

\$150.00 to the Grand Secretary, and \$50.00 to the Grand Treasurer, salaries for the ensuing year.

\$20.00 to Comp. E. WADSWORTH, for his services as Assistant Grand Secretary this session.

\$3.00 per day each to the Grand Marshal and Grand Sentinel, for services at this session, including one day previous to and one day subsequent to the annual meeting; and \$6.25 to the Grand Sentinel for articles furnished.

\$25.00 for use of masonic hall.

\$50.00 to Comp. E. WADSWORTH, for his expenses attending the investigation of the charges against Comp. J. M. ALLEN.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the same compensation be allowed the Grand Officers attend-

ing the meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, for mileage and attendance, as is allowed to members of this Grand Chapter.

Then, after solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIVED.

Received for dues,	\$197 00
Dividends and interest,	705 00
Balance,	195 44
Total,	\$1,097 44

EXPENDED.

For pay of members,	\$257 47
Benjamin Enos, P. G. H. P.,	22 00
Robert R. Boyd, D. G. H. P.,	25 82
E. S. Barnum, G. K.,	16 79
A. J. Rousseau, G. S.,	4 00
Rev. Salem Town, G. C.,	68 66
John Bull, Jun., Grand Marshal,	20 00
Elisha Gilbert, G. H. P.,	8 00
Joseph Enos, P. G. K.,	40 70
John O. Cole, Grand Secretary, salary,	150 00
G. W. Ryckman, Grand Treasurer, salary,	50 00
E. Wadsworth, Assistant G. S.,	24 00
Expenses in case of J. M. Allen,	50 00
A. Sickels, Grand Sentinel,	18 25
L. G. Hoffman, for printing,	10 50
Subscriptions to <i>Masonic Register</i> ,	20 00
Pay to members attending General Grand Chapter,	164 75
Charity,	127 00
Use of Chapter hall,	25 00
Total,	\$1,097 44

1846.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York,
convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany,
on the 3d day of February, A.: L.: 5846.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: ELISHA GILBERT,	Grand High Priest.
E.: EZRA S. BARNUM,	Grand King.
" ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL,	Grand Marshal.
Comp. JOHN PIERCE,	acting Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: BENJAMIN ENOS,	P.: G.: H.: P.:
E.: JOSEPH ENOS,	P.: G.: K.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:
" JOSEPH CUYLER,	P.: G.: K.:

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters as follows:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	William Boardman.
5. Temple,	J. M. Hughes.
	A. Gray.
	L. G. Hoffman.
6. Hudson,	Richard Carrique
8. Jerusalem,	Elias W. Nexsen.
22. Warren,	Samuel Richards.
30. John the Baptist,	O. M. Welch.
35. Western Star,	Blanchard Powers.
48. Apollo,	Stephen C. Leggett.
	D. Taylor.
57. Oneida,	Ira Chase.
	John A. Russ.
59. Watertown,	I. B. Crowe.
88. Ames,	Asher Torrance.
103. St. John's,	John S. Weed.
	William M. Burnham.
105. Cazenovia,	Elihu S. Williams.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form on the Mark
Master's degree.

The minutes of the proceedings at the last annual communication were read and approved.

The Grand High Priest reported that the petitions and other papers in relation to certain differences among the members of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, had been referred to Comp. JOSEPH ENOS, P.: G.: K.:, who was authorized to investigate the same and report to the Grand Chapter.

The Deputy Grand High Priest made a written communication stating his inability to attend the present meeting, and setting forth the general condition of the Chapters in the City of New York, which was read and ordered to be placed on file.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

On Charity—Comps. E. WILLIAMS, E. W. NEXSEN, and O. M. WELCH.

On Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. E. S. BARNUM, A. J. ROUSSEAU and R. CARRIQUE.

On Warrants—Comps. E. WADSWORTH, J. ENOS, and J. S. WEED.

On Grievances—Comps. S. C. LEGGETT, J. M. HUGHES, and I. CHASE.

A petition from several Companions, former members of HAMILTON CHAPTER, No. 62, praying that the said Chapter may be revived, was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Warrants.

A petition from the members of WARREN CHAPTER, No. 23, to be authorized to resume their labors, was read, and referred to the same Committee.

A petition from WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, for remission of dues, and an application from the H.: P.: of said Chapter in behalf of the members thereof, for permission to remove the same, were read, and referred to the same Committee.

Several petitions for charity were read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Charity.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet again on the Mark degree at nine o'clock to-morrow morning, and to open on the Royal Arch degree at three o'clock this P. M.

FEBRUARY 3D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form on the Royal Arch degree.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter reported as follows:

That there was in the Treasury at the commencement of the last session,	\$1,194 31
Received for dues at the last session,	197 00
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	\$1,391 31
Expended at the last session,	1,097 44
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Leaving in the hands of Treasurer,	\$293 87
There has since been received:	
For dividends,	\$285 00
Interest on bond and mortgage,	420 00—
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	705 00 /
Now in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$998 87
The funds of the Grand Chapter are as follows:	
Cash as above stated,	\$998 87
Bond and mortgage,	6,000 00
Stock in Albany City Bank,	3,300 00
Stock in Bank of Albany,	300 00
Hunter & Martin's debt, and interest	1,840 00
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Total,	\$12,438 87

The report was referred to the Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books.

The Royal Arch lecture was then given by the Grand Visitors.

Adjourned to meet again on the Royal Arch degree at ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 4TH, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to business on the Mark degree.

The Mark Master's lecture was then given by Comps. WADSWORTH and ENOS.

The Grand Chapter was then closed on the Mark degree, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

The Committee on Charity made a report recommending donations to several individuals, amounting to \$98.00, which was ordered paid.

The Committee on Warrants, to whom was referred the application of WARREN CHAPTER, No. 23, and HAMILTON CHAPTER, No. 62, made a report favorable to the said applications, and recommended the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the dues of WARREN CHAPTER, No. 23, at Ballston Spa, be remitted; and that they be authorized to resume their labors; and that Comp. WILLIAM HAWKINS be High Priest, REUREN WESTCOTT, King, and WILLIAM SANDERS Scribe of said Chapter.

Resolved, That the Charter of HAMILTON CHAPTER, No. 62, at Rochester, be returned to Comp. WILLIAM BREWSTER and the other petitioners for the same; and that they be authorized to hold an election of officers, and resume the labors of a Chapter; and all dues be remitted up to the present time.

The same Committee, to whom was referred the application of the H. P. of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, for a conditional permission to remove the said Chapter, reported that, in their opinion, the permission ought not to be granted; that if the members of the said Chapter desire to remove the same, they should first take the necessary steps directed by the Constitution, and then, if the place to which they wish to remove be beyond the limits prescribed in their Charter, that they make application to the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Secretary's and Treasurer's books, and to whom was referred the report of the Trustees, reported that they had examined the matters referred to them and found them correct.

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the application of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, for commutation of dues, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That \$14.00 be received from WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, in full for dues up to this time; and that the sum of \$14.00 be paid to the Representative of said Chapter in full for his travel and attendance at the present meeting of the Grand Chapter.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That OLIVE BRANCH CHAPTER, No. 93, be authorized to hold a special election of officers, they having been prevented from holding the same on the day prescribed by the Constitution; and that the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to install the officers so elected.

M. E. JOSEPH ENOS, to whom the subject of certain difficulties was referred, made the following report :

The undersigned, having been appointed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, in conformity to a resolution of the Grand Chapter, to investigate the difficulties between Comp. BLANCHARD POWERS and EDEN FOSTER, respectfully reports, that he has investigated the matter as far as practicable; that from a careful examination of the statements of the parties in writing, and of themselves personally, he has become satisfied that the origin of the difficulty was a misunderstanding between the parties which caused the complaint of Comp. POWERS to the subordinate Chapter; that the charges were not substantiated, and Comp. FOSTER was honorably acquitted, and subsequently applied for a discharge and diploma from the Chapter, which was granted to him. The undersigned cannot see any good reason for the complaint against Comp. POWERS made by Comp. FOSTER; and with respect to that of WEED, GILBERT, CHASE, and others, it is sufficient to say that it is the same subject matter as that of Comp. FOSTER.

Upon the whole, it is the opinion of the undersigned that no further action is necessary in the premises on the part of the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH ENOS.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 4TH, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

On motion of Comp. WADSWORTH,

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the last session of the Grand Chapter, relative to the applications for the revival of dormant Chapters, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Resolved, That the subscription of the Grand Chapter for copies of the *Masonic Register*, edited by Comp. L. G. HOFFMAN, be continued.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered his annual address.

On motion of Comp. HUGHES, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to the Grand Chaplain for his able address; and that he be requested to furnish a copy to be published with the proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result :

M.: E.: EZRA S. BARNUM, Utica, . . .	Grand High Priest.
" ROBERT R. BOYD, New York, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.: A. J. ROUSSEAU, Troy, . . .	Grand King.
" LEWIS G. HOFFMAN, Albany, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE, Albany, . . .	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN, New York, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN, Aurora, . . .	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, New Lebanon, . . .	Grand Marshal.

Comp. JOHN PIERCE was appointed Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Council appointed Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and EBENEZER WADSWORTH Grand Visitors.

Comp. WEED offered the following proposed amendment to the Constitution, viz:

Resolved, That the amendment to section 3d of article 3d, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, adopted in February, 5828, by which the word "sixty" in the sixteenth line of said section was stricken out, and the words "one hundred" inserted, be and the same is hereby abrogated and annulled: and that the word "sixty" be restored, so that the said section shall read as it originally stood.

The said proposed amendment having been considered by the Grand Chapter, it was

Resolved, That the same be entered on the minutes as a proposed amendment to the Constitution.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Chapter on the Mark Master's degree be and they are hereby confirmed.

Resolved, That the sum of \$25.00 be paid to Comp. RICHARD CARRIQUE, for the eulogy pronounced by him on the masonic worth and exalted character of our lamented P.: G.: H.: P.: RICHARD ELLIS, delivered at the last session.

Resolved, That the sum of \$25.00 be allowed Comp. JOSEPH ENOS, for his expenses in the investigation of the matters in difference between certain members of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35.

Appropriations were made as follows:

Grand Chaplain \$25.00, in addition to his pay as member.

Grand Secretary \$100.00, salary for ensuing year.

E. WADSWORTH \$20.00, for services as Assistant Grand Secretary.

Grand Treasurer \$50.00, salary for ensuing year.

Grand Marshal and Grand Sentinel, each \$3.00 per day, including one day previous to and one day subsequent to the session.

Grand Sentinel \$4.00 for articles furnished; and \$35.00 for use of Masonic Hall the present session.

The Grand Officers were then duly installed.

After a solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIVED.

Received for dues,	\$273 50
Dividends and interest,	705 00
Total,	<u>\$978 50</u>

EXPENDED.

To pay of members,	\$250 17
Elisha Gilbert, P. G. H. P.,	8 00
Ezra S. Barnum, G. H. P.,	16 79
A. J. Rousseau, G. K.,	4 00
Joseph Enos, P. G. K.,	65 70
Benjamin Enos, P. G. H. P.,	4 00
Joseph Cuyler, P. G. K.,	10 00
E. Wadsworth, Assistant Secretary and P. G. S.,	24 00
Salem Town, Grand Chaplain,	63 66
John Bull, Jun., Grand Marshal,	20 00
John O. Cole, Grand Secretary,	100 00
G. W. Ryckman, Grand Treasurer,	50 00
John Pierce, Grand Sentinel,	16 00
Charity,	98 00
Richard Carrique, per resolution,	25 00
L. G. Hoffman, for printing,	10 50
Subscription to <i>Masonic Register</i> ,	20 00
Blank books and stationery,	10 00
For use of Masonic Hall,	25 00
Balance,	157 68
Total,	<u><u>\$978 50</u></u>

ADDRESS
OF
THE REV. SALEM TOWN,

GRAND CHAPLAIN OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

[Directed to be published with the proceedings.]

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions :

Having rendered our grateful acknowledgments to the giver of all our mercies, and exchanged mutual congratulations, it remains, according to custom, to devote a few moments, especially, to the contemplation of some one or more of the great objects of the Institution of which we are members.

The presentation of any thing new, in the discussion of topics, which, in so many instances have called out the best talent of the fraternity, is scarcely to be expected. The field, however, is wide; and although every portion has oftentimes been explored under the guidance of genius and learning, there still remains profit and pleasure in the frequent contemplation of those beauties which never fade, and the survey of that harmony, discoverable in the great moral truths involved in the government of God.

Those ruling principles of action, also, which govern the conduct of men as probationers, and seriously affect their future destiny, lose no interest by repetition. On such topics we can ever dwell with fresh delight, and gain moral strength by each review.

Many points, touching truth and duty, have heretofore been presented by him who now addresses you. Many proofs have been adduced in confirmation of the soundness of those moral principles embodied in the masonic creed; and many illustrations of the benign influence exerted on mankind through masonic agency. The symbols of the order; their impressive and appropriate allusions; the discipline of our temple gates as conservatives of peace and purity; the unity of the common brotherhood, and the fellowship of kindred spirits, have all been touched; all are interesting topics on which we delight to dwell. Especially does that full-souled, open-hearted charity, which has ever characterized the fraternity in all ages and countries, furnish a theme that inspires the heart anew with livelier emotions, and leads to greater diligence and more untiring effort in behalf of suffering humanity.

The masonic institution, in its primeval origin; its antiquity and constitutions; its unity and universality of doctrines and duties; its object and character, have ever been a fruitful source of disquisition, rich in practical instruction to the fraternity. Since, however, such great improvements have been made in the civil, social, and moral condition of the world; since, in modern time, there has been such a multiplication of benevolent associations, proposing the accomplishment of so great a variety of objects, all, in themselves, benevolent and humane, the inquiry is frequently made in the spirit of Christian candor, and evidently with an honest desire to be correctly informed, *wherein*, at the present day, consist the special benefits of masonry to mankind. Such inquirers seem not to doubt the fact, that the time has been

when an institution purporting to be what masonry claims for itself, might have secured many benefits, especially for its own members, and probably conferred them to some extent on others. But since the lights of science have been kindled up, and a knowledge of the arts has become so general, and national intercourse so entirely different from past ages; and especially since the Bible, containing a complete and perfect code of moral laws, truths, and duties, is so extensively circulated and read; benevolent and humane societies so multiplied; moral and religious institutions planted on every quarter of the globe, whence are emanating those Divine principles which ameliorate the condition of man, and lay the foundation of common brotherhood on gospel ground, why sustain an institution under secret rites? And especially why, says the inquirer, if it accomplish the very same objects for which others, without the injunction of secrecy, are now established.

It is said, and such are the facts, that men of high literary attainments, of unquestioned philanthropy as well as eminent piety, wholly disconnected with *our* institution, have been, and still are uniting in voluntary associations; and putting forth special efforts for the improvement, both of the moral and physical conditions of man. And that various methods have already been devised, and are now in successful operation. That wisdom and wealth have been secured as means, and talent and enterprise enlisted in carrying forward to consummation the great work, not only of enlightening and civilizing, but evangelizing the whole world. If, therefore, say they, masonry is cultivating the same field, in common with other friends of humanity, why not at once abandon the *forms* of mystery, and join openly in the same works of benevolent enterprise. In short, why adhere to an antiquated institution, whatever its principles may be, since it had its origin in a comparatively dark age of the world, and was probably designed to subserve some special purpose in behalf of its own members, at a period of the world when the state of society was altogether different from the present age in which we live. If such are the facts, it is added, *that* provision must long since have found a substitute in the improvements of civilization, and the common courtesy now shown by the citizens of one nation to individual strangers of another.

Such and similar inquiries and suggestions are made by honest-minded men, neither influenced by motives of curiosity, nor moved by those of jealousy or prejudice. And it seems to me not improper, on this occasion, to give what in my view would be a candid and faithful answer. The inquiry has force, and the considerations presented carry in themselves weight. As Masons, therefore, we should always be prepared to assign, what to ourselves, at least, is a satisfactory reason why we still adhere to the institution, notwithstanding the change in the condition of the world; and continue to believe it our duty to sustain its original organization. Why, in our view, a greater amount of good is received and communicated through its instrumentality than could reasonably be expected under other circumstances. In short, why our attachments are so strong, and our affections so wedded to this ancient institution, just as it has come down to us from olden times.

The reasons that might be assigned in this case are, in my view, numerous; some of which are the following:

Aside from all other considerations, there is something of moral sublimity

in the bare contemplation of the mere antiquity of a continuous order of men, whose organization was so judiciously consummated at so early a period of the world.

That an institution with all its substantial features, and intrinsic excellencies, transmitted from generation to generation, and transplanted from country to country, should have thus lived with ages, and been a traveler with time, assailed by foes and traduced by the tongue of slander, yet unimpaired in any material form, and uncorrupted in any essential point of moral character, is matter of admiration; and more so, especially, when we consider the depravity of those ages through which it has passed. At the same time, our sense of moral sublimity is greatly increased by the recollection that this ancient organization has been the favored medium in all ages, and among most nations, through which the widow and orphan have, for thousands of years, been fed and clothed; and the stranger in a strange land, thrown by adverse fortune into penury and perils, especially if a member of this order, found deliverance and protection. No wonder then, as Masons, we should form such attachments for an institution, on account of whose antiquity so many streams of human kindness have, through the lapse of ages, brought relief and consolation to the distressed of every clime.

There is something, also, in the organization and internal polity of masonic Lodges which never fails to secure the approval of those admitted to membership. The order and arrangement throughout are peculiarly befitting. Each Brother moves in his own proper sphere with due circumspection. Reciprocal kindness and courtesy in language and deportment mark the intercourse of all. There is no superiority by blood or birth within the masonic walls. There is no promotion to office, except by the free and equal suffrage of all the members present. The pure principles of genuine republicanism are most perfectly exemplified in the common polity of the Lodge room. On the supposition, therefore, that the sustaining of the institution in its distinctive character was productive of nothing more than the cultivation of such friendly intercourse on principles of mutual reciprocity; strengthening the bonds of affection between man and man, and keeping alive a most tender regard for each other's common welfare, would not these considerations alone constitute a justifiable reason for adhering to the order, and participating in those innocent civilities which contribute so largely to the refined enjoyments of social intercourse?

Another reason, however, of far greater importance, is found in the universality of the order, and its better adaption to meet the exigencies of human sufferings than is found in any other institution hitherto established. Here, then, is a special cause for sustaining the *very identity* of the order, and perpetuating its ancient usages, so as to maintain a cognizable brotherhood among individuals of all nations on the globe. Masonry had its origin at an early period. Its symbols and ceremonies were then established, and those great moral truths of universal acceptance adopted as a common standard of faith. Such relative duties, both as to God and man, from which no conscience could dissent, were then ordained as a perpetual rule of action.

It is believed this organization was devised by Solomon, King of Israel, and in connection with Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram the skillful architect of

the Temple, consummated in due form. Of this as a fact, well informed **Masons** entertain no doubt. Ways, means, and facilities were then and there devised, and permanently ordained, by which the members of this order, of all nations and tongues in all subsequent ages, could recognize each other. Hence, that universal identity of masonry in every period of the world down to the present day, by which its benefits became available by members of one country in common with those of every other. The foundation of this noble feature was found in the practical application and enforcement of that obvious truth, which acknowledges the common brotherhood of all mankind. Hence the duty to relieve a distressed Brother, belonging to any branch of the human family, though naturally obligatory on every man, was, nevertheless, solemnly enjoined on all the members of the fraternity, as a special and positive requirement. The same truth and duty are unequivocally taught by the gospel of Christ, and particularly enjoined as items of Christian faith and practice. And yet it can be said, without fear of contradiction, that no class of men has ever carried them out so invariably and so universally as the members of the fraternity.

Although Christians are commanded to do good to all men, and especially to the household of faith, yet how often is this most reasonable injunction either evaded or wholly **disregarded**. The Christian world is split into numerous sectarian orders, and, lamentable as the fact is, few belonging to the one are prompt to relieve the wants of the other, especially if of a different faith, even though living in the same neighborhood. And what is still more deplorable, there are those who live utterly regardless of the distresses and privations of others, in their own communion even. Occurrences of this kind, however, are less painful than those by which hundreds, if not thousands, have been, and are, from time to time, by some unforeseen casualty, thrown among utter strangers in a strange land, beyond the reach of acquaintances or Christian influence, under circumstances of entire destitution, as to means or ability of their own to obtain relief. Ignorant of the language by which to make their wants known, there is nothing on which to rely, save the spontaneous exercise of humanity on the part of others. Few hearts in such cases will be moved by sympathy, further than the bestowment of a bare pittance for the time being. Such is the fact in our own country, and such it is the world over.

Under these circumstances, it matters little or nothing who or what the man was in his own country. Here he is unknown, perhaps unpitied, yet an innocent sufferer and in need of protection. If now such an individual be a member of the common fraternity, his chance is more than equal to discover some one who recognizes a masonic token, and at once salutes him in the well-known response of common brotherhood, and embraces him as a friend. Although he may be unable to speak or understand the language of the country, still, he meets no cold-hearted formality, no stoic indifference, no sectarian jealousies. He is recognized as a *Mason*, received as a friend, and at once becomes a welcome sharer in such hospitalities as a Brother can bestow.

Such occurrences are by no means uncommon. And were there no other considerations than these, would there not be sufficient inducements to sustain and perpetuate any humane institution that meets such exigencies?

Were I to travel in a foreign country at the present day even, as many of our countrymen do, I should consider my masonic relations the surer safeguard, aside from Divine protection, that could be then thrown around me. Perhaps not over one in a thousand might need those benefits to which as a Mason he would be entitled; but what man could tell who that one might be. In a multitude of instances, facts might be adduced where the most surprising deliverances have been effected by Masons, while in other respects they were utter strangers to each other; of different nations even, perhaps, also, in a state of open hostility, and as prisoners of war already doomed to the dungeon or scaffold.

Here is fidelity without a parallel in any other human institution in existence. So long, therefore, as man is exposed to sufferings incident to his nature, so long as thousands of nameless casualties lie in his pathway through life, by which in some unexpected moment he may become a child of misfortune, and a son of sorrow, the relinquishment of free masonry, as a distinctive institution, would be drying up at least one fountain of charity, whose perennial streams have hitherto conveyed consolation in a thousand channels, unnoticed by the world and unrecorded by man.

Other benevolent institutions are good, but none can take the place of this. They are local and temporary, this is universal and perpetual.

Their members are usually embraced in sectional localities, and their agencies circumscribed by national lines at furthest; while the masonic brotherhood is found in every nation, and their agencies met in every clime. Here, then, is an arm which at once embraces the four quarters of the globe, an eye that carries sympathy to the heart, and a hand to administer the cup of consolation.

What an angel of mercy is found in the universality of this ancient, venerable institution.

But the main reply in answer to such inquiries as we have stated lies in principle, and involves consequences of a grave and serious nature. The abandonment of secrecy, and the merging of our benevolent operations with those of other societies, is not the point. If so, carry out the principle, and all societies having any specific object of benevolent enterprise, must rally under one common banner, however diverse the objects to be accomplished, or the instrumentalities by which effected. Nothing could be more distracting, or better calculated to paralyze all efficient action in regard to any specific object whatever.

This is a matter well understood by men in general, and hence the separate organizations of so many societies for the better accomplishment of some special purpose; all, however, laboring in one common field, and for one ultimate object. The wisdom of such a course is obvious, and the principle is just as applicable to separate distinctive action under a masonic form of organization as any other.

If, therefore, the accomplishment of any one humane purpose is more extensively and more effectively secured through the medium of some secret mode of intercommunication, by which members of all nations and languages can recognize each other; instead of being an objection, it adds immense value to its available benefits on a scale commensurate with the human family.

But the enquiry pre-supposes something *more* than the abandonment of the mere name on account of secrecy. This could avail nothing, aside from what is comprehended under that name. Nothing short of the renunciation of our specific *modes* of benevolent action, and the adoption of such others as are common to other associations, could meet the spirit of the enquiry. And what Brother is prepared for that, however efficient in doing good such association, in its own way, might be.

In our present organization we know there is stability and reliable perpetuity, and who will guarantee these of any other human society now in existence?

Our body, also, is in correspondence with most of those on the same platform in European countries, and what other has such channels of communication? Our members are united in the *objects* of the institution without a jarring atom, and of what others can this be truthfully affirmed? The great moral principles peculiar to masonry are common to all who acknowledge the existence, perfections, and claims of God over his creatures, and the corresponding duties enjoined are true to that line of conduct which embraces all mankind in one common brotherhood. Others may and do avow this truth; but where is the association, aside from ours, that practically carries it out?

There are peculiar circumstances, also, under which truths of the same nature are more impressively presented, and duties of the same order more successfully enforced within the walls of the Lodge room than are found under any other form of instruction. Who, that has heard the same truths so often announced from the sacred desk even, has felt their force as when presented with direct and personal application in conferring the several degrees. Why then abandon masonic forms even since in this respect nothing can be gained, while on the other hand much would be lost.

Instead, therefore, of interfering, or in the least detracting from other moral influences brought to bear on man, it coöperates in sustaining, and in many respects carrying out, measures more efficiently at which they themselves are aiming.

The reasons, then, why it would be inexpedient, under any existing state of society, to merge masonic enterprise with her benevolent effort in other societies professedly engaged in works of love and charity, are numerous, and one would suppose satisfactory in the view of candid minds. Be that, however, as it may, the institution will be sustained, and its name, principles, and mode of operation perpetuated, till the sun is plucked from his sphere, and the moon shall cease to wax and wane. When its birth was chronicled, its age was set to the years that close with the night-fall of time. 'Tis the *father*, in point of age, of all human organizations for the relief of the distressed, and the protection of the wayworn stranger.

The privilege then of being a Mason, and thereby entitled to the special benefits of the institution, is great every way.

Brethren, most of us present have been members of this fraternity too long not to understand the whole matter, and fully appreciate the special advantages derived from this common brotherhood. Our principles are moral and conservative. Our intercourse social and refining. Our operations peaceful

and abounding in the fruits of love and kindness. Our members charitable—given to hospitality. And the whole brotherhood bound together by these cords of friendship, which give spirit to motive, and soul to action. We are common sharers in the affections of each other, the world over.

And what more can be expected, or even hoped for, in any human institution whatever, organized merely for charitable and benevolent objects, on a scale commensurate in its operation with the entire human family? Let our principles be carried out on this scale in their true spirit, and, for one, I am satisfied.

1847.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York,
convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany,
on the 2d day of February, 5847.

PRESENT:

M. E. EZRA S. BARNUM,	Grand High Priest.
" ROBERT R. BOYD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU,	Grand King.
" LEWIS G. HOFFMAN,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, JUN.,	Grand Marshal.
" JOHN PIERCE,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. BENJAMIN ENOS,	P. G. H. P.
" ELISHA GILBERT,	P. G. H. P.
E. JOSEPH ENOS,	P. G. K.
" JOSEPH CUYLER,	P. G. K.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters as follows :

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.
1. Ancient,	Phillip S. Van Houten.
2. Phoenix,	Robert R. Boyd.
5. Temple,	Alexander Gray. Richard Parr. John H. Canoll.
6. Hudson,	Richard Carrique.
8. Jerusalem,	Oscar Coles.
23. Warren,	Reuben Westcott.
30. John the Baptist,	Orsamus Dibble.
42. Elmira,	James S. French.
48. Apollo,	John S. Perry.
57. Onaida,	Theodore S. Faxton.
59. Watertown,	Ithamer B. Crawe.
62. Hamilton,	William Brewster.
103. St. John's,	John S. Weed.
105. Cazenovia,	Simeon C. Hitchcock.

CHAPTERS U. S. D. S.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Geneva,	Enos Barnes.
Penn Yan,	Cornelius Masten.

The Grand Chapter was opened on the Royal Arch degree in due form.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The following Standing Committees were appointed :

On Charity—Comps. OSCAR COLES, I. B. CRAWE, and REUBEN WESTCOTT.

On the Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. SIMEON C. HITCHCOCK, RICHARD CARRIQUE, and WILLIAM BREWSTER.

On Warrants—Comps. BENJAMIN ENOS, EBENEZER WADSWORTH, and JOHN S. PERRY.

On Grievances—Comps. ROBERT R. BOYD, JOHN S. WEED, and JOSEPH ENOS.

On motion of Comp. WADSWORTH :

Resolved, That a Select Committee on foreign correspondence be appointed, to whom shall be referred such communications as have been received from other Grand Chapters.

Resolved, That Comps. ROUSSEAU, COLE, and HOFFMAN, be said Committee.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made a report of his proceedings during the recess of the Grand Chapter, which, having been read, was referred to the Committee on Warrants.

The following are extracts from the said report :

"It affords me pleasure to announce to you, that since our last communication there appears to have been a manifest improvement, not only in the work, but in the more frequent meetings of most of the subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter; many old and respectable members are uniting with Chapters now at work, or organizing new Chapters under favorable circumstances."

Proceedings from several Grand Chapters were received, viz: The States of Maine, New Hampshire, Virginia, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky, which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Petitions for the revival of the Chapters at Dansville and Cox-sackie, and also for a new Chapter at Saratoga Springs, were read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Warrants.

An application from NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 109, having been read, it was

Resolved, That the dues of NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 109, be and the same are hereby remitted.

A petition from HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4, of Trenton, and also an application for a new Chapter at Newark, N. J., were read, and referred to the Grand Council.

On motion of Comp. VAN HOUTEN, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That all Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall report to the Grand Chapter all Companions expelled, suspended, or withdrawn; the time of such expulsion, suspension, or withdrawal, and that no Chapter shall be allowed silently to drop any Companion for the non-payment of dues; and that the several Chapters be reminded of the provisions of the 3d section of the 4th article of the Constitution.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary shall keep a register of all members of subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, all suspensions, expulsions, or withdrawals, and the cause of such suspensions, expulsions, or withdrawals.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 2D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter reported as follows:

That there was in the treasury at the commencement of the last session,	\$998 87
Received for dues at the last session,	273 50
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	\$1,272 37
Expended at the last session,	820 82
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Leaving in the treasury,	\$451 55

There has since been received:

For dividends Albany City Bank,	\$264 00
“ “ Bank of Albany,	21 00
For interest on bond and mortgage,	420 00—
	705 00
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	\$1,156 55

The funds of the Grand Chapter consist of

Cash, as above stated,	\$1,156 55
Bond and mortgage,	6,000 00
Stock in the Albany City Bank,	3,300 00
“ “ Bank of Albany,	300 00
Hunter & Martin's note and interest,	1,910 00
Total,	<u>\$12,666 55</u>

The report was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. COLES, HIRCHCOCK, and CRAWE.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to consider the proposed amendment to the Constitution, which, being read, is in the words following, viz:

Resolved, That the amendment to section 3d of article 3d of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, adopted in February, 5828, by which the word “sixty” in the sixteenth line of said section was stricken out, and the words “one hundred” inserted, be and the same is hereby abrogated and annulled; and that the word “sixty” be restored, so that the said section shall read as it originally stood.

The said amendment having been considered, and the question being put, it was carried, all the members present voting in the affirmative.

Thereupon, it was

Resolved, That the said amendment to the Constitution be and the same is hereby adopted.

The Committee on Warrants, to whom was referred the several applications, made a report recommending the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That a Warrant for a Chapter be granted to JOSEPH M. WHEELER, High Priest, DANIEL D. BENEDICT, King, and RICHARD L. ALLEN, Scribe, of a Chapter to be holden at the Village of Saratoga Springs, by the name of RISING SUN CHAPTER, No. 131.

Resolved, That the Warrant of PENN YAN CHAPTER, No. 100, be revived; that the dues of the said Chapter, anterior to the resuscitation of the same by the Dispensation of the M. E. Grand High Priest, be remitted, and that the proceedings of said Chapter under said Dispensation, as appear by their return, be approved; and that the money deposited for said Dispensation be returned, except \$5.00 for the Dispensation.

Resolved, That the Warrant of COXSACKIE CHAPTER, No. 85, be revived;

that the dues of said Chapter be remitted, and that they be authorized to hold an election of officers for the current year.

Resolved, That the Warrant of GENEVA CHAPTER, No. 36, be and the same is hereby revived; and that all dues anterior to the commencement of their labors under a Dispensation of the M. E. Grand High Priest, dated August 4, 5846, be remitted; and that the money deposited for the Dispensation be returned, except \$5.00 for the Dispensation.

Resolved, That the Warrant of DANVILLE CHAPTER, No. 91, be restored, and that all dues to this date be remitted; and that Comp. MERRIT BROWN be High Priest, Comp. WARREN PATCHIN, King, and Comp. JAVIN BRADLEY, Scribe thereof.

Resolved, That the election of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Resolved, That the dues of PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, be and the same are hereby remitted.

The Standing Committee on Charity made a report on the several applications for charity, and on their recommendation several donations were made, amounting to \$120.00.

On motion of Comp. OSCAR COLES:

Resolved, That all subordinate Chapters be directed to transmit a copy of their By-Laws to this Grand Chapter on or before its next session.

On motion of Comp. WADSWORTH:

Resolved, That the subscription of the Grand Chapter for copies of the *Masonic Register*, edited by Comp. HOFFMAN, be continued.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow, then to be opened on the Mark Master's degree.

FEBRUARY 3D, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened on the Mark Master's degree in due form.

The lecture of the Mark degree was given by Comps. ENOS and WADSWORTH, after which the Grand Chapter was closed on that degree, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

The Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books, re-

ported that they had examined the same and found them correct.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered his annual address.

On motion of Comp. CARRIQUE:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented to the Rev. Grand Chaplain for his able address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication.

On motion of Comp. MASTEN:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary append to the annual report, a list of the first three officers of all Chapters under this jurisdiction, for the present year.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

M. E. EZRA S. BARNUM, of Utica,	Grand High Priest.
" ROBERT R. BOYD, of New York,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU, of Troy,	Grand King.
" LEWIS G. HOFFMAN, of Albany,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE, of Albany,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN, of New York,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN, of Aurora,	Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN BULL, Jun., of New Lebanon,	Grand Marshal.

Comp. JOHN PIERCE, of Albany, was appointed Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Council appointed Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and EBENEZER WADSWORTH Grand Visitors.

Comp BOYD offered the following proposed amendment to the Constitution.

Resolved, That article ii, section 6, be amended by striking out the words "And every permanent member shall be entitled to receive the like sum as aforesaid"; and inserting in the place thereof the words "And that in future no past Grand Officer shall be entitled to receive any other sum than his per diem allowance for actual attendance."

The said proposed amendment having been considered by the Grand Chapter, it was

Resolved, That the same be entered on the minutes as a proposed amendment to the Constitution.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the examination of the state of the funds of the Grand Chapter, as reported by the Trustees, reported as follows:

That there is in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, subject to the order of the Grand Chapter, . . .	\$1,156 55
Stock of the Albany City Bank,	3,300 00
“ “ “ Bank of Albany,	300 00
Total,	<u>\$4,756 55</u>

The mortgage of \$6,000.00 is void, the property on which it was originally given having been sold to satisfy a preceding claim. The above amount was loaned to G. W. RYCKMAN on his note; but having been unfortunate in business, and becoming involved in difficulties, he executed this mortgage on property in the City of Albany, valued at the time at \$40,000.00, which was previously encumbered to the amount of \$22,000.00—this being at the time the only security in his possession. The property was sold some eighteen months since, to satisfy the claim of \$22,000.00, and consequently the Grand Chapter has now no security, save the personal responsibility of Comp. RYCKMAN. Your Committee have had an interview with Comp. RYCKMAN, who assures them that the amount due by him shall be paid at some future time, if his life shall be spared. To make the Grand Chapter secure, in case of his death, he proposes to insure his life, and endorse the policy to the Grand Chapter. The interest has been regularly paid, and Comp. RYCKMAN assures the Committee he shall continue to pay it punctually hereafter.

The note of HUNTER & MARTIN, for \$1,000.00, with interest amounting to \$910.00, is considered valueless. It is now in the hands of Mr. STEVENS for prosecution. Your Committee would therefore recommend that he be directed to stay all proceedings in the matter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

OSCAR COLES,
S. C. HITCHCOCK,
I. B. CRAWE.

The report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Comp. OSCAR COLES, it was

Resolved, That the matter of Comp. RYCKMAN be referred to the Trustees, with power to take from him such security as he has already proposed, and to make such arrangements as they may deem necessary.

The Royal Arch lecture was then given by Comps. J. ENOS and E. WADSWORTH, Grand Visitors.

Then the Grand Chapter was adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 3D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed.

The proceedings had on the Mark degree this session were, on motion, approved.

Appropriations were made as follows:

Grand Chaplain \$25.00, in addition to his pay as a member.

Grand Secretary \$100.00, salary for ensuing year.

Comp. E. WADSWORTH \$12.00, for services as Assistant Grand Secretary.

Grand Treasurer \$50.00, salary for ensuing year.

Grand Marshal and Grand Sentinel, each \$3.00 per day, including one day before and one day after the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter.

Grand Sentinel \$9.00, for articles furnished.

Use of Masonic Hall, \$25.00.

Then, after a solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIVED.

Received for dues,	\$ 290 33
For Dispensation to Penn Yan Chapter,	100 00
“ “ “ Geneva Chapter,	100 00
For Warrant to Rising Sun Chapter,	60 00
For dividends and interest,	705 00
Total,	<u>\$1,255 33</u>

EXPENDED.

To pay of members,	\$ 254 33
E. S. Barnum, G. H. P.,	16 79
R. R. Boyd, D. G. H. P.,	25 32
A. J. Rousseau, G. K.,	4 00
L. G. Hoffman, G. S.,	4 00
Salem Town, Grand Chaplain,	63 66
John Bull, Jun., Grand Marshal,	20 00
Elisha Gilbert, P. G. H. P.,	8 00
Carried forward,	<u>\$304 94</u>

Brought forward,	\$304 94
Benjamin Enos, P. G. H. P.,	40 00
Joseph Enos, P. G. K.,	40 70
E. Wadsworth, P. G. S.,	16 00
Joseph Cuyler, P. G. K.,	10 00
John Pierce, Grand Sentinel,	12 00
“ “ for articles furnished,	9 00
John O. Cole, Grand Secretary, salary,	100 00
Gerrit W. Ryckman, Grand Treasurer, salary,	50 00
L. G. Hoffman, for printing proceedings,	23 50
“ “ for subscription to <i>Register</i> ,	20 00
“ “ for advertising,	1 00
For use of Masonic Hall,	25 00
Charity,	120 00
Repaid to Penn Yan Chapter,	95 00
“ to Geneva Chapter,	95 00
Balance,	201 53
Total,	<u><u>\$1,255 33</u></u>

CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER.

No.	CHAPTER.	TOWN.	COUNTY.	HIGH PRIEST.	KING.	SCRIBE.
1	Ancient,	New York,	New York,	Robert Roberts,	Philip S. Van Houten,	William H. Norris.
2	Phoenix,	New York,	New York,	Charles W. Carpenter,	Daniel Wishart,	Jesse F. Randall.
5	Temple,	Albany,	Albany,	Alexander Gray,	Richard Parr,	John H. W. Canoll.
6	Hudson,	Hudson,	Columbia,	Richard Carrique,	Thomas Blank,	Ichabod Rogers.
8	Jerusalem,	New York,	New York,	Oscar Coles,	James Fowler,	John H. Vanderlieth.
28	Warren,	Ballston Spa,	Saratoga,	Reuben Westcott,	Abel Mecker,	Moses Williams.
30	John the Baptist,	Moravia,	Cayuga,	Orsamus Dibble,	Nelson T. Stephens,	Ebenezer Smith.
36	Geneva,	Geneva,	Ontario,	Thomas Maxwell,	Luther Kelly,	Samuel M. Morrison.
42	Elmira,	Elmira,	Chemung,	James S. French,	Isaac Reynolds,	Elijah Jones.
48	Apollo,	Troy,	Rensselaer,	Achille J. Rousseau,	David Taylor,	John S. Perry.
57	Oneida,	Utica,	Oneida,	Ezra S. Barnum,	Theodore S. Faxton,	Peter Brewer.
59	Watertown,	Watertown,	Jefferson,	Peter Horr,	Lyssander H. Brown,	Pearson Mundy.
62	Hamilton,	Rochester,	Monroe,	William Brewster,	Ebenezer Watts,	Charles Cook.
100	Penn Yan,	Penn Yan,	Yates,	Andrew F. Oliver,	John Powell,	Cornelius Masten.
103	St. John's,	Greenfield,	Saratoga,	John S. Weed,	John Gifford,	Samuel Eddy.
105	Cazenovia,	Cazenovia,	Madison,	Elihu S. Williams,	William J. Hough,	James Berthrong.
109	Nassau,	Brooklyn,	Kings,	Ethan Estabrook,	John A. Fricke,	Andrew Demarest.

ADDRESS
OF
THE REV. SALEM TOWN, G. C.

Most Excellent Grand Council and Companions:

This day records an important era in our history; the first semi-centennial session of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York. Fifty times have successive members rendered grateful acknowledgments to Almighty God for past mercies, and exchanged mutual congratulations, on the annual return of that day which now convenes us.

The announcement of this era of our organized existence is calculated to awaken in our minds a lively recollection of the past, and hurry the memory through scenes of mingled emotion. In vain do we look around for the loved forms of those who first laid the foundation of our symbolic temple and erected its noble superstructure as a monument of their devotion to truth, and regard for the welfare of man. In vain do we search within the sacred veils even to find those venerable fathers who built the altar around which we bow with fraternal affection. But we behold them not. They have gone to the spirit land, leaving their names on the record of our memory, and their virtues to be written on the tablet of our hearts.

To dwell on the recollection of those scenes which have transpired during this first half century of our organization; to recount the honored names of distinguished men enrolled on the catalogue of Brethren; to review their individual virtues, and enumerate their personal efforts in planting, and fostering the institutions of Royal Arch Masonry, while in their infancy, would furnish a theme full of interest, could we collect the several facts, and place them as a living reality before the mind. What an array of talent, and virtue, and piety would be thus grouped together! What fraternal regard, for the common interest of the entire brotherhood, would be seen to have characterized their lives! What devotion to the sound principles of ancient masonry; and what unabated attachment to the institution itself lived in their hearts, and actuated their conduct, till the messenger of death released the spirit from its earthly abode.

But, from my own reminiscence, unaided by such documents as contain the record of their doings, it would be utterly impossible to do any thing like justice to the true masonic character of our deceased Companions of the last fifty years. Could the facts, however, but in part, be collected, and but a brief sketch of their lives, as Masons, be embodied, it would doubtless to us be a great satisfaction, and become a rich legacy to the craft in future time. But for want of sufficient information, this topic, so appropriate for the present occasion, must be deferred. Meanwhile, we will briefly advert to another, which, though evidently true in point of fact, claims an investigation. In presenting it for your consideration, I hope I shall not be considered visionary. The position which I shall attempt to establish is the perpetual existence of the masonic institution, under the characteristic features of three dispensations. This position is a legitimate deduction from the past history of the order; and is, at the same time, clearly sustained by strong analogies. These

several dispensations, however, are not to be considered in that light which implies change in radical principles, nor does this view of the subject leave room to infer that those forms and ceremonies essential to membership will ever be abolished, or materially altered. The dispensations, then, of which we speak, cannot be regarded as constitutional distinctions of masonry, but as consisting in that increase of knowledge, by which the deductions of truth are more manifest, and the appliances to the condition of society more multiplied.

The embodiment of any truth or fundamental principle in the creeds of the church even, does by no means prove their full import is comprehended, or all their practical bearings on human conduct known and appreciated. As light is poured on the understanding, the same truth, whether moral or scientific, is often seen to have numerous applications of immense value, not before discovered, and opens new fields for mental or moral enterprise. The enlargement of intellectual vision, and the advancement of masonic science, no more affect the nature of masonic principles than the growth of the tree changes the species of its stock.

That masonry has already passed through one of her characteristic dispensations is matter of historical record. That she is now in her second stage of advancement, is demonstrable by a comparison of the present with the past. That she will eventually enter on a third, or most perfect dispensation of her principles, is deduced from the progress of mind, and the accumulating influence of those moral truths which tend to the advancement of human perfectibility. It is my design to speak briefly on each of these characteristic stages, as successive dispensations of the masonic institution.

This view of the subject, you perceive, is perfectly analogous with the progressive stages which mark the historical dispensations of the Christian church. The same fundamental truths, originally communicated to the Patriarchs, still remain as such, while the increase of moral light under fuller revelations, giving greater force to the power of truth, distinguishes the former dispensation from the latter.

By what we are able to learn from history, it appears most obviously true that masonry has for ages past been progressing, in consequence of a more just, enlarged, and comprehensive understanding of the great moral truths of the order, together with increased facilities for doing good to mankind. During the entire period through which masonry has been gradually opening her treasures more fully, and urging her claims more impressively, the identity of the institution has remained substantially the same. Truth and duty, like the beams of the morning, have constantly been shedding a clearer and brighter light on the moral pathway of human life, and opening wider fields for the exercise of a more expansive benevolence.

The first characteristic dispensation of the masonic institution, so far as appears from history, was mechanical, or operative; and, according to the custom of the age, inculcated the great fundamental truths of the order under symbols and emblematical representations. Moral truth, and relative duties, thus mystically involved, and shadowed forth by mere allusions to the implements with which they wrought, could neither be apprehended nor appreciated according to the full scope of their applicability. As a body of crafts-

men, the main object at this stage of their organization was to secure mutual aid and protection, in connection with such employment as was adapted to their skill, and so far as their implements reminded them of these duties, they were sacredly discharged.

In speaking of the characteristic features of masonry in its early history, we need not refer to the building of Solomon's temple, as all of us have given an emblematic specimen of what was then required of the craftsmen. We may therefore pass this by, and proceed to such historical facts as are in point.

From Chandler's *Travels in Asia Minor*, and from Chishub's *Asiatic Antiquities* we learn that "An association of skillful artificers were known to have enjoyed the exclusive privilege of erecting temples and theatres in Asia Minor; that they received corporate powers under Royal sanction, and were subdivided into different Lodges." This is one of the earliest historical facts on record, and thus far, furnishes direct proof in support of our position. The next quotation in confirmation of the same point, is taken from Sir Christopher Wren's *Parentalia*. This writer says, "The earliest appearance of Free Masons in modern times, was in the form of a traveling Lodge, composed of Italian, Greek, French or Franks, German, and Flemish Artists, denominated Free Masons. That they went from place to place, erecting churches and cathedrals; that the members lived in a camp of huts; that they were under a surveyor who directed the establishment, every tenth man being called a warden, and that each warden overlooked those under his charge."

Dr. Brewster, of Edinburgh, in speaking of the same fact, adds, "That by means of this traveling association, the mysteries of Free Masonry were introduced into Kilwinning, in Scotland, and York, in England, at a very early period."

The statement of these facts is so explicit, and derived from such indubitable authority, it would seem we could not mistake the features of the institution at that period, or misapprehend the characteristic difference between the operative and scientific dispensations of the same radical principles, during former ages, when compared with the present time.

This change, however, must have been gradual, keeping pace merely with the improvements of social and civilized life, and the increase of moral and intellectual science.

The respectability of the order, and the admiration with which the superb specimens of their skill in architecture were viewed; the symmetry of proportion, strength and durability of structure, together with such style of imposing grandeur, around which was thrown the beautifying drapery of nature in all her richness and variety, could not but attract the mind of Wisdom and Royalty even, and ultimately lead to that speculative or scientific character which now marks the present dispensation.

The precise time when men of learning first began to seek admittance to the mysteries of the order, and thereby combine theoretical science with practical, opening clearer views of the symbolical allusions, is not known. But history furnishes us with undeniable proof of the fact itself. For in the year 1429, as we learn from the *Edinburgh Encyclopedia*, there was a Lodge of Free Masons held at Canterbury, under the patronage of the Archbishop himself. At this time, Henry VI, King of England, became a Mason, and

soon after prepared and wrote out questions and answers respecting the nature and tendencies of free masonry. This manuscript was found in the Bodleian library, in the time of Locke, and by him was transmitted, with explanatory notes, to the Earl of Pembroke.

From the same authority as above named, we learn that free masonry was patronized by James I of Scotland, and during the reign of James II, the office of Grand Master was granted by the crown to William St. Clair, Earl of Orkney, by whom the much admired Chapel of Roslin was built. After the completion of this superb edifice, the office of Grand Master was, by royal decree, made hereditary in the family of St. Clair. During this period the Barons of Roslin held their annual meetings in Kilwinning, and regular Lodges were formed in different parts of the kingdom, under charters granted by that body.

In 1666, after the great fire in London, the plan of rebuilding the city and directing the construction of all the important public edifices, were committed to Sir Christopher Wren, then Grand Master of Masons in England.

The above are historical facts of unquestioned authority. Many more of the same character and credibility could be adduced, were it necessary. These, however, are deemed sufficient to establish the fact that men of learning, nobility, and royalty, did become speculative or scientific Masons in the same body with those who wrought in the quarry, or fitted the keystone to its arch. In no other way than by such a union can we reasonably account for the gradual merging of the former characteristic feature into the latter. The termination of the one, and the consummation of the other, fixes the line of demarkation between the present and the former dispensation.

Additional light was now poured in, and revealed more of those latent beauties wrapped up in symbolical allusions. Enlarged conceptions of truth gave clearer visions of duty, and opened new fields of masonic enterprise. The present dispensation of masonry, therefore, is now as distinctly marked by progressive attainments in the knowledge of truth and duty, as the Jewish and Christian churches are. Thus far, then, we think our first position has been fully sustained.

The third and last dispensation lies in the future, and in speaking of its character, we can only be guided by revealed truth, aided by such lights as are reflected from the history of the past. The progress of mind has never been stationary, either in the discovery of truth, or the development of moral virtues. Science has been multiplying her discoveries more and more in each succeeding age. The relative duties between man and man, have been defined with greater precision from the earliest stages of society to the present time. The force of moral and religious truth, and the mutual obligations resting on all mankind as members of one common family, have been better understood, and the several duties springing from those truths and growing out of this relation have been more deeply felt, and more conscientiously regarded in each successive period of the world.

Such, in brief, has been the progress of mind, and such the accompanying influence of an enlightened conscience. Hence we infer from what has been in accordance with uniform experience in the past, may reasonably be expected in the continuance of the same onward march toward the highest

state of human perfectibility. This deduction, however, rests not alone on the experience of the past. The page of inspiration records the same fact, and most clearly establishes the point. No believer in divine revelation can doubt that the world is approaching a period in which man's highest earthly bliss will be consummated. And among all those traits of excellence which will then adorn human nature, we are sure *one* will be a recognition of common brotherhood. Every institution that has for its object the good of mankind, will then give a full and perfect exemplification of the purity of its principles in the life and conduct of its own members. Such, we have reason to expect, will be the prosperous and happy issue as to the true principles of genuine masonry. The spirit of brotherly love, relief, and truth, are so inseparably connected with the peace and happiness of society, we are constrained to believe the institution itself is destined to stand enrolled on the catalogue of those human instrumentalities brought to bear on the common well-being of man.

The oracles of revealed truth were originally committed to the Jews, and by them preserved and transmitted to the rest of the world. In the bosom of the same nation, also, according to our belief, masonry, especially in its organized form, had its origin. In the land of Judea, the first and second temples were erected by operative Masons for religious and holy services. The Jews, down to the time of their final dispersion, are said to have sustained the institution, and most sacredly observed its rights and ceremonies. But notwithstanding this people had for ages been highly favored of Heaven, yet, for their multiplied iniquities, they were eventually abandoned to their enemies, and driven from the land of their fathers. The period since their exile is nearly eighteen centuries; yet, for some wise reasons, they have been preserved to the present day, as a distinct race in all the countries of their dispersion.

The recovery and restoration of this long exiled people, in that sense implied by prophetic language, is infallibly certain; but whether the fulfillment is to be literal or figurative, is a matter concerning which there is some difference of opinion; yet the preponderance is on the side of a literal return to the land of their forefathers. To quote such prophecies only as seem clearly to sustain this conclusion, would protract our discussion to weariness. Each Companion, if he chooses, can examine the subject at his leisure. For myself, I entertain no doubt as to the literal accomplishment of their predicted return; while at the same time, many other things connected with that event may and probably will have a figurative or emblematical fulfillment.

According to prophetic announcement, the time of the ingathering of "all Israel" is to mark that specific event which precedes, and is to usher in, the most perfect state of earthly happiness the world has ever enjoyed. On this point I believe there is no diversity of opinion. We therefore proceed to a very brief consideration of what is recorded in the last eight chapters of the prophet Ezekiel. By an examination of this reference we shall arrive at what may justly be considered the third masonic dispensation. The facts announced in this prophetic vision are, in all probability, emblematical, and consist summarily in the following particulars: the exhibition of the framework of a city; the minute description of a temple, spacious and magnificent,

with all its apartments, appendages, furniture, and service. The division of the country into twelve equal portions, assigning the locality of each tribe composing the Jewish nation. The temple, with its outbuildings, was just one mile on each of the four sides.

These are the great outlines of what is described in the above reference, and it is evident that no such temple, in all respects, was ever built by the ancient Jews; that no such division of Palestine, or locality of the tribes, was ever made. It is highly probable, however, that the more essential parts of the description were taken from the temple built by Solomon, and in most particulars, may be considered a model of that superb edifice. There can be no reason, however, to doubt that Zerubbabel, Joshua, and their companions, had respect to this description in the erection of the second temple. While most expositors admit, one object of this vision was to afford encouragement to the captive Jews in Babylon to return and rebuild their city and temple, all concur that something vastly more important was symbolized for future accomplishment. The main fulfillment is evidently future, and must be taken as descriptive of what still remains to be literally carried out in the actual erection of a material temple, or as a mystical emblem of the beauty and glory of the last dispensation of the Christian church. The latter of these accords with the general view of biblical writers, and is manifestly the true interpretation. The glory of the Christian dispensation, when fully consummated, is thus symbolized by a mystical temple of unearthly beauty. The main scope of the prophetic vision was the presentation of spiritual blessings, under emblematical allusions. What a perfect coincidence with symbolical masonry is thus embodied in the future history of the church.

Long since has the characteristic feature of operative masonry been merged in a scientific application of its original principles, to the symbolical structure of a *moral* temple, emblematically supported by three grand pillars, called Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. And the entire superstructure of our masonic temple, is a development of moral truth and relative duties under the most impressive emblems.

Hence we have only to compare the prophetic mode, by which the reality of spiritual things is unfolded to the Christian church, with that by which the moral principles of our order are now presented in the Lodge room, to perceive a striking coincidence in both cases.

We are not, however, in this matter, to be understood to speak of masonry as a divine institution, adequate to the spiritual wants of man; but as an organization of human wisdom, embracing and carrying out such principles of revealed truth as subserve the great purposes of benevolent enterprise in aid of the common welfare of mankind.

This characteristic feature of masonry, must of course be as much more perfectly developed, and display as much higher degrees of moral excellence in accordance with the object of the institution, as are predicted of the increase of purity and prosperity of the church herself. When the latter fully exemplifies the true spirit and power of the Christian religion, the former, in its own proper sphere, will coöperate as an angel of mercy, in those subordinate matters which are inseparably connected with the consummation of man's earthly happiness.

Thus, Companions, we arrive at a state of things, in the progress of religious truth and Christian morality, in which will be found the third order of masonic dispensation.

I am aware the view I have given you of the evidence on the subject is new. But you have heard a brief exposition on which the main proposition rests, and are competent to judge of the validity of the arguments and correctness of the conclusion. If I do not greatly misjudge, history unequivocally decides the first distinguishing feature. Our own observation clearly confirms the second; and revelation evidently shows what the third must be, to accord with those divine illuminations with which mankind are yet to be blessed.

This view of the subject, you perceive, is not only fraught with much interest, but is full of encouragement. If the brief manner in which I have attempted to sustain the main points shall lead the Companions to a careful investigation, my object in presenting them will be answered; for I entertain no doubt, such an investigation will lead to those discoveries by which the intrinsic excellencies of the institution cannot only be seen in a much clearer light, but will, under the symbolical allusions of prophetic description, be more fully appreciated.

1848.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York,
convened at Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany,
on the 1st day of February, 5848.

PRESENT:

M. E. EZRA S. BARNUM,	Grand High Priest.
" ROBERT R. BOYD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU,	Grand King.
" LEWIS G. HOFFMAN,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" Rev. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JESSE P. MITCHELL,	as Grand Marshal.
" JOHN PIERCE,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. ELISHA GILBERT,	P. G. H. P.
" BENJAMIN ENOS,	P. G. H. P.
E. JOSEPH ENOS,	P. G. K.
" JOSEPH CUYLER,	P. G. K.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters, as follows:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RECEIVED.	PAID.
1. Ancient,	Philip S. Van Houten,	\$48 87	\$27 32
5. Temple,	Richard Parr, Wm. Seymour, J. Jenkinson.	17 00	6 90
6. Hudson,	Richard Carrique,	14 50	15 50
8. Jerusalem,	R. R. Boyd,	26 37	
22. Warren,	William Montgomery,	12 00	16 66
23. Warren,	Reuben Westcott,	7 00	10 00
30. John the Baptist,	Orsamus Dibble,	14 25	30 00
35. Western Star,	Azor Curtis,	46 88	42 00
36. Geneva,	Luther Kelly,	14 62	32 00
42. Elmira,	James S. French,	50 75	35 32
48. Apollo,	John S. Perry,	38 75	4 00
57. Oneida,	Peter Brewer,	17 75	18 79
59. Watertown,	Lysander H. Brown,	31 00	31 00
62. Hamilton,	William Brewster,	17 00	38 00
88. Ames,	Asher Torrence,	46 00	44 00

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RECEIVED.	PAID.
91. Dansville, . . .	Joseph Enos, . . .	\$31 50	
100. Penn Yan, . . .	Cornelius Masten, . . .	57 50	\$34 80
103. St. John's, . . .	John S. Weed, . . .	8 37	11 58
105. Cazenovia, . . .	E. S. Williams, . . .	5 00	24 00
131. Rising Sun, . . .	Joseph M. Wheeler, . . .	27 50	11 00
CHAPTERS U. D.:			
David's, . . .	William Wade, . . .	14 78	
Buffalo, . . .	Orange H. Dibble, . . .	12 00	
		<hr/> \$554 39	<hr/> \$431 97

The Grand Chapter was opened on the Royal Arch degree in due form.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

On Charity—Comps. VAN HOUTEN, PERRY, and KELLY.

On the Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. CARRIQUE, WEED, and BOYD.

On Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, BENJAMIN ENOS, and BREWSTER.

On Grievances—Comp. JOSEPH ENOS, O. DIBBLE, and JAMES S. FRENCH.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Comp. HOFFMAN, BOYD, and MITCHELL.

The M. E. Grand High Priest made a report of his proceedings during the recess of the Grand Chapter; and so much thereof as relates to revising the Constitution was referred to a Select Committee; and the remainder was referred to the Committee on Warrants.

The proceedings of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, and the appeal therefrom of Comp. EDEN FOSTER, were read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances.

A petition of Comp. ELISHA GILBERT, in behalf of the Companions of LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 13, was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Warrants.

A communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, inquiring whether it is by the direction of the Grand Chapter of New York, that the subordinate Chapters refuse to admit a visiting Companion from their Chapters, was read, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. CARRIQUE, WEED, and BREWSTER.

Several petitions for charity, were read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Charity.

On motion of Comp. BOYD, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to attend the next annual meeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and if possible obtain the appointment of a Committee of Conference, to whom shall be referred the resolution adopted by this Grand Chapter in 5838, respecting suspended or expelled members; and obtain the consent of the Grand Lodge to reciprocate the resolution respecting the same. And failing to accomplish this, that the Committee be authorized to notify the Grand Secretary, and that he notify the subordinate Chapters of the repeal of the resolution adopted in 5838.

Resolved, That Comps. BOYD, PERRY, and WHEELER, be the said Committee.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 1ST, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution was considered:

Whereas, The amendment of section 3, of article iii, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, is deemed to be in conflict with a provision in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; therefore,

Resolved, That the said amendment be, and the same is hereby repealed; and that the Constitution be so amended that the word "*sixty*" in the said section be stricken out, and the word "*ninety*" inserted.

Resolved, That the same be entered on the minutes as a proposed amendment to the Constitution.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to consider the amendment to article ii, section 6, of the Constitution, proposed at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter. And after some time spent thereon, the said proposed amendment, by leave of the Grand Chapter, was withdrawn.

The Standing Committee on Charity made a report on the several applications for charity, and on their recommendation several donations were made, amounting to \$100, which were ordered paid.

The Committee on Warrants, to whom was referred the report of the M. E. Grand High Priest, of the Dispensations

granted by him, and also other applications for Warrants, made a report, recommending the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 13, be released from the payment of all past dues, and is hereby authorized to resume its labors; that M. E. Comp. ELISHA GILBERT be High Priest, NATHAN HOWARD, King, and CHARLES HULL, Scribe; upon condition that a petition, signed by a competent number of Companions, be deposited with the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That DAVID'S CHAPTER, No. 34, at Auburn, be revived; that the dues of the said Chapter anterior to the granting of a Dispensation to the same by the M. E. Grand High Priest, be remitted, and that the proceedings of said Chapter under said Dispensation, as appear by their return, be approved; that the money deposited, except \$5.00 for the Dispensation, be returned; and that MATTHIAS SITTSE be High Priest, SAMUEL GRAVES, King, and HORATIO ROBINSON, Scribe, of said Chapter.

Resolved, That NIAGARA CHAPTER, No. 71, at Buffalo, be revived under the name, style, and title of BUFFALO CHAPTER, No. 71; that a new Warrant be granted, the old Warrant having been consumed by fire; that ORANGE H. DIBBLE, be High Priest, SOLOMON DRULLARD, King, and BENJAMIN H. AUSTIN, Scribe, of said Chapter; that the proceedings of said Chapter under the Dispensation granted by the M. E. Grand High Priest be approved; and that the money deposited, except \$5.00 for the Dispensation, be returned.

Resolved, That a Warrant be granted to ELIJAH BAKER, High Priest, DANIEL MACK, King, and PAUL BOYNTON, Scribe, of a Chapter to be holden at Canton, in the County of St. Lawrence, by the name of ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER, No. 132, whenever the said Chapter make due return to the Grand Secretary of their proceedings under the Dispensation granted to them by the M. E. Grand High Priest.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet again on the Royal Arch degree at ten o'clock, and on the Mark Master's degree at nine o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FEBRUARY 2D, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened on the Mark degree in due form.

The Mark Master's lecture was given by the Grand Visitors; after which the Grand Chapter was closed on that degree, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter reported as follows:

That there was in the treasury at the commencement of the last session,	\$1,156 55
Received for dues,	550 88
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	\$1,706 88
Expended at the last session,	1,053 80
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Balance,	\$653 08
Of this sum there was deposited in bank at 5 per cent. interest,	600 00
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Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$53 08

There has since been received :

For dividends at Albany City Bank,	\$264 00	
“ “ Bank of Albany	24 06	
Interest on loan,	420 00—	708 00
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		\$761 08

The funds of the Grand Chapter consist of

Cash as above stated,	\$761 08
Deposit in City Bank,	600 00
Loan,	6,000 00
Stock in the Albany City Bank,	3,300 00
Stock in Bank of Albany,	800 00
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Total,	\$10,961 08

The report was referred to the Standing Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books.

The return of STEUBEN CHAPTER, No. 101, and a letter from Comp. JOHN R. STEVENS, on the subject of the business of that Chapter, were read; and the same referred to Comp. JOSEPH ENOS, Grand Visitor, with power to summon the members of said Chapter to meet, to hold an election if deemed proper, and to receive the dues of the said Chapter.

The Royal Arch lecture was then given by the Grand Visitors.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of the State of Pennsylvania, inquiring whether it is by direction of the Grand Chapter of New York that the subordinate Chapters refuse to admit a visiting Companion from their Chapters, reported:

That article iii of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal

Arch Masons of the United States of America, expressly ordains that all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons within the United States, working under Warrants dated since January 27, 1798, and not emanating from the General Grand Chapter of the United States, shall not be deemed legal; "And masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Chapter or Lodge, or any member of either of them; and any Chapter or Lodge or assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened, or holden, without such Charter, or any or either of their members, or any person exalted or advanced in such illegal Chapter or Lodge." Your Committee, feeling their obligation to comply with the provisions of the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States aforesaid, therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter refer the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania to the said provision in the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution; also that this Grand Chapter, and the Chapters under its jurisdiction, feel bound by the same. Your Committee would further state, that the 11th section of article iv, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of this State, requires "That no Royal Arch Mason shall be admitted as a member or visitor in any Royal Arch Chapter under this jurisdiction, unless he shall have regularly received the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter agree with the Committee in their report.

The Committee on Secretary's and Treasurer's books reported that they had examined the same and found them correct.

Adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

FEBRUARY 2D, THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered his annual address.

On motion of Comp. HOFFMAN:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to the Grand Chaplain for the very able address delivered by him during the present session of this Grand Chapter, and that he be respectfully requested to furnish a copy for publication.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

M.: E.: ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU, of Troy, .	Grand High Priest.
" ROBERT R. BOYD, of New York, .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.: LEWIS G. HOFFMAN, of Albany, .	Grand King.

E. WILLIAM BREWSTER, of Rochester, . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE, of Albany,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN, of New York, . .	Grand Treasurer.
" Rev. SALEM TOWN, of Aurora, . . .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JESSE P. MITCHELL, of Albany, . .	Grand Marshal.
" JOHN PIERCE, of Albany,	Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers were then duly installed.

The Grand Council appointed Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and EBENEZER WADSWORTH Grand Visitors.

Adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

FEBRUARY 3D, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:—Officers and members as before.

On motion of Comp. CARRIQUE, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe, during the past year, to remove from this earthly tabernacle two of our highly respected and beloved Companions, JOHN BULL, Jun., and ITHAMER B. CRAWE. And this Grand Chapter, being impressed with a deep sense of the loss which they and the craft have sustained in the death of the Companions above named, and deeply sympathizing with the widows and families of our deceased Companions, do hereby

Resolve, That the Grand Secretary address to the widows and families of the deceased letters of condolence, expressive of the sympathy felt by the officers and members of the Grand Chapter for the loss they have experienced, and a copy of this resolution.

On motion of Comp. VAN HOUTEN:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to the M.: E.: EZRA S. BARNUM, Past Grand High Priest, for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over this Grand Chapter, and for the faithful discharge of the various duties of his high office.

The Standing Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the report of the expulsion of Comp. EDEN FOSTER from WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, and his appeal from the same, reported:

That they have had the subject under consideration, and from the great

number of documents, and the great length of the appeal, they have not yet been able to arrive at any just conclusion on the subject. And as it appears to be a continuation of old difficulties, your Committee ask to be discharged from the same.

Thereupon, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Grievances be discharged from the further consideration of the same; and that the whole subject be referred to Comp. JOSEPH ENOS, to investigate the same at the expense of the parties found to be in fault, and that he report to the Grand Chapter at its next meeting.

On motion of Comp. MASTEN:

Resolved, That when Chapters are resuscitated by Dispensation or otherwise, the petitioners only are to be considered members of the Chapter, without a vote of all the members.

On motion of Comp. WEED:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary cause to be printed and attached to the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; and that five copies of the same be furnished to each subordinate Chapter.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the proceedings in the Mark degree this session be confirmed.

Then, after a solemn prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIVED.

Received for dues,		\$554 39
" " Dispensation to David's Chapter,		60 00
" " " Buffalo Chapter,		90 00
" " " St. Lawrence Chapter,		100 00
" " interest on \$600.00 deposited,		30 00
" " dividends and interest,		705 00
Total,		\$1,539 39

EXPENDED.

For pay of members,	\$481 97
Ezra S. Barnum, P. G. H. P.,	18 79
A. J. Rousseau, G. H. P.,	6 00
R. R. Boyd, D. G. H. P.,	27 32
“ “ for attending General Grand Chapter of the U. S.,	75 00
L. G. Hoffman, G. K.,	6 00
Salem Town, Grand Chaplain,	65 66
Elisha Gilbert, P. G. H. P.,	10 00
Benjamin Enos, P. G. H. P.,	24 00
Joseph Enos, P. G. K.,	42 70
Joseph Cuyler, P. G. K.,	12 00
Ebenezer Wadsworth, P. G. S.,	6 00
For use of Masonic Hall,	25 00
Jesse P. Mitchell, Grand Marshal,	12 00
John Pierce, Grand Sentinel,	25 18
John O. Cole, Grand Secretary,	100 00
Gerrit W. Ryckman, Grand Treasurer,	50 00
C. Van Benthuyzen, for printing proceedings,	19 70
“ “ for parchment Warrants,	10 00
Charity,	100 00
Repaid David's, Buffalo, and St. Lawrence Chapters,	145 00
Balance,	837 07
Total,	<u>\$1,539 89</u>

CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER.

No.	CHAPTER.	TOWN.	COUNTY.	HIGH PRIEST.	KING.	SCRIBE.
1	Ancient,	New York,	New York,	Philip S. Van Houten,	George Skinner,	Allen A. Burns.
2	Phoenix,	New York,	New York,	No return.		
4	Hiram,	Trenton, N. J.		No return.		
5	Temple,	Albany,	Albany,	Richard Parr,	William Seymour,	James Jenkinson.
6	Hudson,	Hudson,	Columbia,	Richard Carrique,	Ichabod Rogers,	Peter G. Coffin.
8	Jerusalem,	New York,	New York,	Oscar Coles,	George Ackerman,	J. H. Vonderlieth.
22	Warren,	Bridgeport,	Madison,	Jonathan Bartlett,	Thompson Holdridge,	Marquis F. Lee.
23	John the Baptist, ..	Ballston Spa,	Saratoga,	Reuben Westcott,	Abel Meeker,	Joseph Jennings.
30	John the Baptist, ..	Moravia,	Cayuga,	Orsamus Dibble,	Nelson T. Stevens,	John H. Woods.
34	David's,	Auburn,	Cayuga,	Muthias Sittser,	Samuel Graves,	Horatio Robinson.
35	Western Star,	Le Roy,	Genesee,	Blanchard Powers,	Azor Curtis,	Abiel W. Ensign.
36	Geneva,	Geneva,	Ontario,	Luther Kelly,	Samuel M. Morrison,	Enos Barnes.
42	Elmira,	Elmira,	Chemung,	James S. French,	Elijah Jones,	Squire Newton.
46	North East,	North East,	Dutchess,	No return.		
48	Apollo,	Troy,	Rensselaer,	Achille J. Rousseau,	John S. Perry,	James Hegeman.
57	Oneida,	Utica,	Oneida,	Ezra S. Barnum,	Theodore S. Faxton,	Peter Brewer.
59	Watertown,	Watertown,	Jefferson,	Lysander H. Brown,	Randolph Barnes,	John N. Cole.
62	Hamilton,	Rochester,	Monroe,	William Brewster,	Nicholas E. Paine,	William E. Lathrop.
71	Buffalo,	Buffalo,	Erie,	Orange H. Dibble,	Solomon Drullard,	Benjamin H. Austin.
88	Ames,	Lockport,	Niagara,	Asber Torrence,	J. K. Skinner,	John Henning.
91	Danville,	North Dansville, ..	Livingston,	Merritt Brown,	Warren Patchin,	John Bradley.
100	Penn Yan,	Penn Yan,	Yates,	Andrew F. Oliver,	John Powell,	Cornelius Masten.
103	St. John's,	Greenfield,	Saratoga,	John S. Weed,	Henry Peacock,	Lewis Scott.
105	Cazenovia,	Cazenovia,	Madison,	Elihu S. Williams,	William J. Hough,	James Berthrong.
109	Nassau,	Brooklyn,	Kings,	Ethan Estabrook,	John A. Fricke,	Andrew Demarest.
131	Rising Sun,	Saratoga Springs, ..	Saratoga,	Joseph M. Wheeler,	Daniel D. Benedict,	Richard L. Allen.
132	St. Lawrence,	Canton,	St. Lawrence	Elijah Baker,	Daniel Mack,	Paul Boynton.

ADDRESS
OF
THE REV. SALEM TOWN, G. C.

Most Excellent Grand Council and Companions :

From year to year we are called upon to record the bestowment of new mercies from the hand of our Heavenly Benefactor. Each annual communication multiplies our obligations of gratitude. This day we stand as living witnesses of that benign Providence which has thus far guarded our pathway, and watched over our lives.

For these, especially, and for all other manifestations of divine favor, I trust we not only acknowledge our obligations, but feel the spontaneous effusions of a grateful heart. Herein the discharge of duty and the enjoyment of happiness are inseparably connected.

As this grand body is convened but once during the year, it behooves us, as its members, to make a wise and profitable improvement of each opportunity, not merely as a meeting for social intercourse and the transaction of the ordinary routine of business, but as a means of mutual edification. We should remember that the great end of our rational being involves the appropriate discharge of all such duties as honor God, and promote human happiness. That the responsibilities under which we are placed in these relations are fearfully solemn. The institution, also, of which we are members, has superadded special obligations, to which we have voluntarily subscribed, and from which we can never be absolved.

It is, therefore, my present purpose, after adverting very briefly to the past, to dwell mainly on our future course of life as viewed in the light of masonic truths, and compared with masonic duty.

We are all aware that the eyes of the world have looked on our institution with no small degree of suspicion, while the lives of its members have been subjected to the severest scrutiny. Not knowing precisely what was actually done within the walls of the Lodge room, men have been prone to indulge in the most extravagant and visionary conjectures. These conjectures have been studiously disseminated among the credulous, and oftentimes so exaggerated by repetition, as to assume a veritable existence of the most alarming character, both to the civil and religious institutions of the country. A most fearful exhibition of such a state of things has transpired within our own recollections. But the storm has passed; and while the floods of popular commotion have swept away the mere rubbish of the temple, not a foundation stone has been rolled from its bed, nor a well-wrought material broken from the superstructure.

From the history of the past, we are to learn wisdom for the future. In the calm sunshine of prosperity, men are inclined to be less guarded in the strict observance of moral propriety in their own conduct, and more negligent in the discharge of duty towards others. This is a truism, also, which is equally applicable as to the maintenance of wholesome discipline in Christian churches, as in masonic institutions. The character of each, in the eyes of

the world, is graduated by comparing the moral deportment of its members with the avowed standard of their profession. Individual character, taken in the aggregate, constitutes the character of the body taken as a whole.

From these considerations, we are constrained to believe that the just celebrity and consequent usefulness of all human associations, have their elements in, and may be treated under the three following general heads:

1st. The soundness of those moral principles in the abstract, which form the basis of associated action.

2d. A constitutional organization, judiciously and wisely adapted to the condition of man.

3d. The fidelity with which its members carry out the objects contemplated by the association.

A brief consideration of what naturally falls under these three heads will form the basis of our present discussion.

In point of fact, we think it may be confidently affirmed, that no institution can acquire permanent celebrity, nor hold the confidence of men, without embodying in its constitutional creeds those fundamental laws which are the *basis* of human happiness. This is a point long since settled by the experience of past ages. It is equally true, also, that no false theory, however attractive or plausible, can change the nature and tendencies of moral actions, or gain the approval of an enlightened conscience. And to this we may add, that no corrupt perversion of *right* principles to sustain a false position can ever secure the confidence of discerning men, as the ground of abiding happiness. *Correct* principle is the child of truth, and *true* happiness the offspring of virtue; and nothing short of these can render social intercourse mutually valuable, or qualify us to participate in the sublimer joys of another world.

That the moral principles and precepts of masonry are based on revealed truth I believe is not questioned by those who are candid enough to give them a fair investigation. That while they disturb no man's denominational or sectarian creed, they cover the great fundamental truths of moral virtue, embodied in the revealed will of God. That while they regulate the conduct of Masons, as such they neither interfere nor come in collision with any form of human government. That while the fraternity live under all forms of civil government, and are numbered with all religious communities, they meet in perfect harmony on the floor of the same Lodge room, and mingle their sympathies as brethren of one common family. That their charities have not been distributed with a sparing hand, the widow, the orphan, the sick and afflicted, have borne unequivocal testimony to the world. That the arm of deliverance has ever been extended, and the doors of the domestic sanctuary thrown open for admission, are recorded by the wayworn traveler, weary and faint, the unfortunate and destitute wanderer, thrown on the shores of a foreign clime, the captive loaded with chains, and the innocent victim of unavoidable misfortune.

These, and the like, are matters of public notoriety, and stand forth as so many undeniable attestations of masonic philanthropy in the exercise of acknowledged Christian charity. And at the same time, all of them, the spontaneous acts of that free will, in which no selfish or sordid principle could be

gratified, or the least hope of reward indulged. On masonic liberality, however, we need not enlarge, and therefore pass to the next topic, the fidelity of the brotherhood. This is the main point on which I design to dwell. The seat of this virtue is the heart, and its exercise consists in doing good to mankind in obedience to the will of God.

The simple avowal of principles, however good, and purposes, however commendable, without some practical exemplification by a correspondent life, will but falsify the sincerity of any mere profession whatever. "By their *fruits* shall ye know them," is the testimony of experience as well as revelation.

The entire proof that the lips profess that sincerity which the heart feels rests on the evidence derived from our common intercourse with the world. "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit, but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit." All the benefits, therefore, arising to mankind, whether by individual efforts or combined agencies, result from that conscientious fidelity with which truth is imparted to the understanding, and duty impressed on the consciences of those with whom we hold intercourse.

This leads us to some general reflections as to our own fidelity in the proper discharge of masonic duties. Herein are mainly concentrated the *vis-à-vis* excellencies of our system, exhibited to the world in a manner they cannot be misapprehended, and hence the derivable benefits to mankind in general. That our organization is wise, and well adapted to meet the exigencies of man as a creature of suffering and want, is too obvious to require confirmation. That the principles found embodied in masonic creeds of all ages and countries, have been sanctioned and sustained by the wise, the great, and the good, are recorded facts which live in the history of the world. The above are two prominent points that were settled once for all succeeding time, at the laying of the first corner stone of the masonic temple, with the seal of immutability then affixed by the first great founder. If not so, let some one solve the question why the same rites and ceremonies constituting membership and securing a uniform mode of recognition have been and still are substantially the same as in all past ages of the world, in all countries, and among all nations. But the fidelity with which individual members of this ancient order of men have from one period to another carried out the sacred injunctions of their profession, is a different matter by no means affecting the integrity of the institution itself, but wholly confined to *personal* responsibilities.

Masons are men, depraved and fallible as others; and the world has no more right to expect every individual member will invariably discharge all the duties of his high profession in the masonic institution, than in the Christian church. Duty is one thing, and a proper discharge of it another. It is the duty of all men to honor God and do good to mankind, but how few strictly regard the former, or duly comply with the latter.

There are, however, special obligations, created by human associations, imposing special duties. These can neither be disregarded nor evaded, without incurring such additional guilt as grows out of the forfeiture of a voluntary pledge to discharge them with fidelity. Such, to a certain extent, are all the specific obligations created by civil, social, and domestic relations, as well as

by religious and benevolent institutions. "As God has created of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth"; as all have endowments of the same general character, and are subject to whatever is incident to human nature, so all are under common obligations for the mutual discharge of reciprocal duties. No individual can stand aloof from social intercourse, without violating the fundamental laws of his social nature, and sacrificing those very enjoyments for which his rational and moral endowments qualify him. But every *new* relation into which we enter creates *new* obligations, and of consequence, imposes additional duties. Such, especially, are family alliances; such are social and civil compacts, official stations, and all associations whatever, creating joint interest to secure united effort. This is one of the grand characteristic features in the organization of our time-honored institution. Here is the foundation of such duties as are peculiarly *masonic*, created by mutual and solemn engagement. And hence their special binding influence in all those relations we sustain to each other, as members of one great brotherhood, united to promote the happiness of the fraternity in particular, and the well-being of mankind in general.

These obligations, enjoining mutual and reciprocal duties, are well understood by us all, and the great question is, how *far* we have lived up to a faithful discharge of them in our intercourse with each other and the world. "Show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works," exhibits the true contrast between empty profession and actual practice, under divine inspiration. As members of the fraternity, we are bound to consult the interest of each other as far as circumstances permit. Not like the Priest and Levite, who passed by on the other side, and left the wounded man to perish, but like the good Samaritan, who poured in oil and wine and administered to his necessities. Individual violations of the most imperious and positive duties, will sometimes occur in all societies; and although great caution is exercised in the admission of members to our fellowship, yet some will occasionally be received, whose hearts were never imbued with the true spirit of masonic philanthropy, and whose intercourse with the world brings reproach on the institution. When such cases occur, they should receive prompt attention, and if the waywardness in heart and life of such individuals cannot be corrected, fidelity to the institution, and justice to the cause of truth, require the formal act of expulsion from the body.

This is the authorized course of procedure, as recorded by the pen of inspiration, and applies with equal force to all incorrigible offenders, in all associations, whether of divine or human origin. We are not only bound to guard the honor and dignity of the institution itself, but to maintain its purity on the ground of its moral excellence, and in view of its just appreciation in the eyes of the world. Notwithstanding wholesome discipline imposes painful duties on officers of Lodges and Chapters, still it cannot be lightly passed over without hazarding the reputation of the institution, and subjecting its members to the imputation of a heartless profession.

But there are other duties involved in masonic relations, resting wholly on personal responsibility. These in the main respect our fidelity to each other as Brethren. The divine injunction, also, whence we draw our perceptive

instructions on this point, are multiplied in the following or similar language: "Be kindly affectioned one toward another with brotherly love." "Let love be without dissimulation." "A brother loveth at all times, and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Such are the records of inspired truth, and such the spirit with which every true masonic heart is imbued; and the fruits of such a spirit are always manifested by a life of strict fidelity to the common brotherhood. "If thy brother trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between him and thee alone"; and it must be done in a spirit of masonic kindness. "Count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. If he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." What more consoling thought? What more noble and God-like act? And who could desire a brighter crown than to be the happy instrument in plucking a fellow-mortal from impending ruin, and perhaps "saving a soul from death." These are obligations of fidelity, doubly binding on *us* as Masons, not only because they embody the very spirit of our profession, but carry the broad seal of divine authority as their highest sanction.

There are, in my view, but few cases in which erring Brethren may not be reclaimed, if approached and treated with a spirit of kindness, indicating a deep and earnest solicitude for their personal welfare. There are few men who, as mere members of civil society even, are not desirous to be considered reputable citizens, and whatever may be the depravity of their own hearts, have a secret wish, at least, to be counted by others honorable, just, and virtuous. All these, though faint and fading aspirations still lingering about the bosom, can be made available avenues, through which a strong and powerful influence may be brought to bear on the heart itself in the enforcement of the several duties of life.

When, therefore, we take a view of those great and sublime objects of benevolent enterprise contemplated by the masonic institution, and survey the broad field of our labor; when we recount the various happy bearings a faithful discharge of duty *may* have on the present life and future destiny of Brethren with whom we associate; and when we reflect on the numerous channels through which our influence over each other can be made to flow, we should be excited to greater diligence, more constant effort, and unwavering fidelity, lest even our own work in the quarry of human life should fail to stand the test of the Supreme Grand Overseer of our own spiritual temple.

Who could compute the results if that universal philanthropy inculcated by masonic creeds; that expansive benevolence taught by masonic precept; and the exercise of that fraternal love, enjoined as masonic duty, were generally regarded by *all* Masons, extended to *all* men, and practiced by *all* nations? The world would soon be transformed into a paradise. The moral desert would become a fruitful field, and blossom as the rose. The earth would no longer be filled with violence. Fraud and deceit would no longer stalk through the land, nor injustice and oppression find a place among the habitations of men. The tongue of slander would be palsied, and the backbiter's whisper die on the wind. Duplicity and falsehood would vanish before the light of truth, while heart responded to heart through lips of unfeigned integrity.

The sighs of the widow and orphan would no longer be heard in the twi-

light, nor the wailings of the broken-hearted float on the breeze of the evening. The traveler, cast on distant shores, or thrown on islands of the sea, would no longer be assailed with implements of torture and death, but fall into the arms of friendship, and be welcomed as a messenger of peace. Moreover the alarm of war, the sound of the trumpet, and the confused noise of horsemen rushing to battle, with garments rolled in blood, would no more be heard at all. But wars, the scourge of nations, would cease to the ends of the earth; instruments of human destruction converted into implements of husbandry, universal peace prevail, and man treat his fellow man as a friend and brother.

Say not, Companions, in your hearts, the picture has been overdrawn, when the half even of the living reality has not been told. The time is coming, for the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken it, when MAN, the world over, shall greet his fellow *man* as *brother*.

It is hardly conceivable with what beautiful simplicity, with what uninterrupted harmony, all the complicated movements of the world would then flow onward, under the benign influence of peace on earth, and good will to the entire family of man.

Tell me, Companions, does not the genuine spirit of masonry evidently point to the ultimate attainment of such results? What less can be implied in those solemn injunctions of "duty to God, as our Creator, and to man as our brother."

I need not repeat the truths, nor enumerate the duties which, as members of the fraternity, we are bound to know and practice. But I desire to stir up your minds by way of remembrance. Therefore, I would say, in the language of inspiration, "Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another." "Love as brethren; be pitiful; be courteous." "For he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile." "Let him eschew evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it." "And whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." "Be not weary in well doing."

"Finally, brethren, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

1849.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York,
convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany,
on the 6th day of February, 5849.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU,	Grand High Priest.
" ROBERT R. BOYD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E.: LEWIS G. HOFFMAN,	Grand King.
" JOHN ORTON COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JESSE P. MITCHELL,	Grand Marshal.
" JOHN PIERCE,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: ELISHA GILBERT,	P.: G.: H.: P.:
" BENJAMIN ENOS,	P.: G.: H.: P.:
E.: JOSEPH ENOS,	P.: G.: K.:
" JOSEPH CUYLER,	P.: G.: K.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters as follows:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RECEIVED.	PAID.
1. Ancient,	Philip S. Van Houten,	\$45 50	\$27 32
4. Hiram,	H. L. Palmer,	10 00	4 00
5. Temple,	W. Seymour,	19 50	6 00
	J. Jenkinson,		
	H. Arnold.		
6. Hudson,	James Batchellor,	14 00	10 25
8. Jerusalem,	Elias W. Nexsen,	17 75	27 32
23. Warren,	Abel Meeker,	15 00	10 00
	Harvey N. Hill,		
30. John the Baptist,	Orsamus Dibble,	18 00	30 00
34. David's,	Harvey Wilson,	50 78	28 00
35. Western Star,	Azor Curtis,	18 50	42 00
36. Geneva,	Samuel M. Morrison,	19 30	32 00
42. Elmira,	James S. French,	13 00	35 82
48. Apollo,	James Hegeman,	39 75	6 00
	John S. Perry.		
57. Oneida,	Peter Brewer,	24 00	18 79
	Jarvis M. Hatch.		

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RECEIVED.	PAID.
59. Watertown, . .	Harvey K. Newcomb, . .	\$14 25	\$31 00
62. Hamilton, . .	Charles G. Cummings, . .	36 00	38 00
91. Dansville, . .	Joseph Enos,	11 00	
100. Penn Yan, . .	John L. Lewis, Jun., . .	20 75	34 80
103. St. John's, . .	John Gifford,	8 00	11 58
	Samuel Eddy, John S. Weed.		
131. Rising Sun, . .	John S. Weed,	10 50	11 00
132. St. Lawrence, . .	Elijah Baker,	22 75	38 00
101. Steuben,	Dues paid by J. Enos, . .	73 00	
		<hr/> \$501 33	<hr/> \$441 38

The Grand Chapter was opened on the Royal Arch degree in due form.

The M.: E.: Grand High Priest made an eloquent address to the Grand Chapter; and submitted the memorial of Comp. I. O. HARRIS, of HOLLAND CHAPTER, No. 1, at New Orleans, on the subject of his being refused admission as a visitor to ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, in the City of New York, together with the papers accompanying the same, which were read, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. SEYMOUR, TOWN, and LEWIS.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

On Charity—Comps. VAN HOUTEN, PERRY, and NEWCOMB.

On the Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. BOYD, WEED, and CUMMINGS.

On Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, B. ENOS, and BREWER.

On Grievances—Comps. J. ENOS, O. DIBBLE, and FRENCH.

On Foreign Correspondence—Comps. HOFFMAN, BOYD, and SEYMOUR.

Petitions from Companions of NEWARK CHAPTER, No. 117, held at Newark, in the County of Wayne; of SACKETT'S HARBOR CHAPTER, No. 68, held at Sackett's Harbor, in the County of Jefferson; HIRAM UNION CHAPTER, No. 53, held at Canajoharie, in the County of Montgomery; of OGDENSBURGH CHAPTER, No. 63, held at Ogdensburgh, in the County of St. Lawrence; of AURORA CHAPTER, No. 64, held at Aurora, in the County of Cayuga, and of SALINA CHAPTER, No. 70, praying that the said Chapters may be revived, were severally read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Warrants.

A Select Committee, consisting of Comps. BOYD, SEYMOUR, and BAKER, was appointed to consider the subject of the permanent securities of this Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest communicated the following report of a Committee of the Grand Lodge of this State; and stated that the report had not yet been acted upon by the Grand Lodge:

The Committee appointed on the part of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York to meet the Committee from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of said State, in reference to reciprocating expulsions and suspensions by the Grand Lodge, having given the subject the examination and attention which its importance seemed to demand, and with great deference to the distinguished source presenting the same for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, are of opinion that it is inexpedient to agree to the proposition.

(Signed,)

ISAAC PHILLIPS,

IRA CHASE,

S. L. BIGELOW,

Committee.

New York, June 10, A. D. 5848.

The same having been read, it was ordered that it lie on the table.

On motion of Comp. BOYD:

Resolved, That the dues of NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 109, be and the same are hereby remitted.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet at three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

Comp. TOWN, in behalf of the Committee to whom was referred the subject of the revision and amendment of the Constitution, made a report, which was read, and laid upon the table.

Comp. VAN HOUTEN from the Standing Committee on Charity, made a report on the several petitions for charity, and on their recommendation, donations were made amounting to \$140.00.

The Grand Chapter adjourned to meet again on the Mark Master's degree to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, and on the Royal Arch degree at ten o'clock.

FEBRUARY 7TH, 5849.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment and was opened on the Mark Master's degree in due form.

The Mark Master's lecture was given by the Grand Visitors.

The Grand Chapter was closed on the Mark Master's degree in due form, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter reported :

That there was in the treasury at the commencement of the last session,	\$761 08
Received at the last session for dues,	\$554 39
“ “ “ for Dispensations,	250 00— 804 39
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	\$1,565 47
Expended at the last session,	1,212 32
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Leaving,	\$353 15
Add to this the sum deposited at the close of the session of 1847 in the City Bank,	\$600 00
And 5 per cent. interest,	30 00— 630 00
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In the treasury at the close of the last session,	\$983 15
Of this sum there was loaned on security at 7 per cent.	950 00
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Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$33 15
There has since been received :	
For dividends of Albany City Bank,	\$264 00
“ “ Bank of Albany,	24 00
For interest on loan,	420 00— 708 00
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Now in the treasury,	\$741 15
The funds of the Grand Chapter consist of	
Cash, as above stated,	\$741 15
Loan, as above stated,	950 00
Loan,	6,000 00
Stock of the Albany City Bank,	3,300 00
“ “ Bank of Albany,	300 00
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Total,	\$11,291 15

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred the duty of presenting to this Grand Chapter such of the acts and doings of our sister Grand Chapters as might be of interest to the craft at large, beg leave to report:

That since our last annual meeting there has been received by the Grand Secretary the printed proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, together with those of Indiana, Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland, Connecticut, Florida, Alabama, Missouri, Mississippi, Maine, Georgia, Louisiana, and Michigan.

Upon an examination of the proceedings before us, your Committee find much cause for exultation and gratitude. Although many of the printed proceedings contain but little else than the local affairs of the subordinate Chapters under the parent jurisdiction, yet they afford the pleasing evidence of a state of prosperity which we did not suppose existed, when we take into consideration the darkness which has enshrouded our institution for many years past, by the bigotry and intolerance of a large portion of the past generation.

Since the last triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter, three State Grand Chapters have been added to the general union of grand bodies, viz.: Missouri, Louisiana, and North Carolina. They all appear to be in a prosperous and healthy condition.

In the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, we find the following subjects thrown out by the General Grand Secretary, which, as the acts and edicts of that grand body, are imperative on us, we feel it within our province to notice. The General Grand Secretary says: "By the 4th section of the 1st article of the Constitution, it is provided that no Royal Arch Mason within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter shall be permitted to confer any degree in masonry not recognized as a constitutional degree, nor to establish any society of Masons not recognized as a constitutional body. It is to be regretted that this provision of the Constitution is not generally better known, or if known, that it is so little observed. I have received information that Masons have so far departed from the rules and principles of the order as to institute *new degrees*, in what they mis-call masonry, as to confer them upon persons as *inducements* to them to enter the masonic fraternity; to confer them and others, which they call honorary degrees, on women, and to induce them to walk in masonic processions, clothed in the insignia of the fraternity. These things are sources of great grief to the orderly and well informed, and no doubt are a hindrance to the great objects of the institution." Again he says:

"In consequence of a difference of opinion as to what is the true construction of the second paragraph of article i, section 7, of the Constitution, and that there may be uniformity of practice, it has become necessary that the General Grand Chapter express itself in the matter. The Constitution provides that the fees for conferring the several degrees therein mentioned, to be charged by the subordinate Chapters, shall not be less than \$20.00. Among the records of the proceedings of 1826 is found the following resolution:

"Resolved, That it be deemed regular for the subordinate Chapters under

the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, to confer the degrees in said Chapters on all regularly authorized officiating clergymen without fees.

"The question is whether the Constitution and the resolution are in conflict? If so, then the latter must give place to the former until it be changed. In a large majority of the Grand Chapters, and in many of the subordinate immediately under the General Grand Chapter, the resolution is allowed to prevail.

"Another question growing out of this, is, if the Chapters are allowed to confer the degrees upon clergymen without fees, should the General Grand Secretary require of the Chapters the usual fee of \$2.00 to the General Grand Chapter, for the exaltation of that class of persons?"

* * * The General Grand Secretary also says, that the following, among a great number of questions, has been frequently propounded to him :—
 "When a difference of opinion shall arise between two Chapters subordinate to the General Grand Chapter, respecting the territorial limits of the jurisdiction of each, what is the proper tribunal to which applications should be made to settle the difficulty? Also, when a Royal Arch Mason, who is a member of a Chapter, shall be expelled from the rights and privileges of masonry by a Grand Lodge in the same State, is he thereby expelled as a Royal Arch Mason? If so, and he shall afterwards be restored by the same power, does such restoration necessarily reinstate him as a member of the Chapter? or should he be balloted for as a new applicant for membership?"

Your Committee have extracted liberally from the General Grand Secretary's report, such matters as are of particular interest to the craft at large, in order to express their opinion of the utility and positive necessity of a general grand body. In several of the printed proceedings before us we perceive a disposition manifested to rid Royal Arch Masonry of its supreme head. We sincerely regret this spirit, because we can plainly foresee greater evils would arise by the abolition of the general grand body than can be shown to exist under its present existence. In the formation and existence of State Grand Chapters, differences of opinion and of interests must necessarily arise which can never be settled harmoniously by antagonist sovereign bodies. An umpire would have to be selected in such case, and we have no idea that such single umpire would give half the satisfaction to either party, as would be found in the delegated authority of a general grand body, composed of the wisest and most experienced craftsmen of the Union. The M. E. High Priest of Georgia, Comp. GOULD, in bringing this subject before that Grand Chapter, makes use of the following language, which the Committee adopt as their own views:

"In connection with this subject, I beg leave to remark that my observation of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter has convinced me more than ever of the necessity of sustaining and strengthening the authority of that body. Repeated efforts have been made to abolish it; at this moment there is a strong disposition to do so, especially among our western Brethren. I am disposed to believe that though political discussions are excluded from the halls of masonry, political sympathy has a great deal to do with the efforts referred to. The hostility felt by a great portion of our citizens to the concentration of political authority in the general government, has a tendency to make them jealous of centralizing power in any shape, and this feeling ex-

tends to the Royal Arch organization. While this is not the place to discuss or even to give an opinion upon the political views alluded to, I may be allowed to remark that there is a difference radical and essential between the operations of government and those of our fraternity. Government must suit its action to the wants and wishes of the people for the time being; and hence, abused and misapplied as the term has been, all government becomes more or less "*progressive*"; but, to borrow the sentiment of a distinguished Companion of Columbus, from "*progressive masonry*" let us pray to be delivered. We are bound to stand by the ancient landmarks—neither time nor change must move them.

"In the reports of some of the Committees of the General Grand Chapter will be seen efforts toward innovation which must be checked, or our foundations will be swept away, and which cannot be checked without some acknowledged controlling power. I saw during the session at Columbus repeated indications of a disposition to break down established usage, and substitute the popular feeling of the moment. If such a system prevails, the unity of our order is gone forever; its time-honored *Wisdom* will give place to impulsive folly, its *Strength* will become weakness, and of its *Beauty*, marred and broken, nothing will remain but ruins; the disposition to popularize all masonic action, to throw wide open the doors of our sanctuary, to bring in the lame, the halt, and the blind, that our house may be filled, is growing and alarming. In my opinion, our first duty to our order is to preserve its respectability and purity. An indiscriminate increase of members, without reference to their qualifications, must destroy both. An adherence to our principles, unyielding under any circumstances, can alone sustain us, and this adherence is only to be secured by following the counsels of wisdom and experience, and teaching to the neophyte of yesterday deference to the gray hairs of the patriarch. I am constrained to believe that these conservative principles would be placed in imminent peril were the wholesome restraints of our general grand bodies withdrawn. And I do trust that this Grand Chapter, organized under the authority and always acknowledging the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, will be the last to sanction encroachments on that authority, or restraint of that jurisdiction."

Your Committee believe these views to be sound; and while it will ever be their pride to sustain our legitimate connection with the General Grand Chapter, they cannot let the present opportunity pass without expressing their opinion of a regulation now existing in the General Grand Constitution which they believe subversive of our rights as a sovereign State. By the present Constitution of the general grand body, it is made imperative on all Grand Chapters to charge the sum of \$90.00 for every charter issued by them. Your Committee are of the decided opinion that the fixing of any definite sum by the General Grand Chapter is an infringement of a sovereign right which every Grand Chapter should possess in itself, as alone bearing on that expediency which the several Grand Chapters are the best qualified to judge. They would therefore recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Chapter, at the next triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter, be instructed to use all lawful

means to alter this objectionable feature in the General Grand Constitution, and that the Secretary of this Grand Chapter forward a copy of this resolution to the General Grand Secretary.

Your Committee find in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, the following resolution, which was adopted as the sentiment of that body:

"Resolved, That should a Companion Royal Arch Mason be expelled or suspended by a Blue Lodge, he is therefore expelled or suspended, as the case may be, from Royal Arch Masonry, as soon as authentic information is made of the fact, and should he afterwards be restored to the rights and privileges of a Master Mason, he is thereby restored to the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason, by virtue of his restoration to the character of a Master Mason in good standing."

This question of power has often been mooted among the members of Lodges and Chapters, although it is believed by your Committee that no official action has ever been had on it by either of the grand bodies of this State. Your Committee look upon the subject as one of some considerable importance, and they feel it to be within their province to express an opinion on the resolution just read from a sister body, so far as it may hereafter be made a subject of discipline in this State, which will probably arise. Royal Arch Masonry is to be considered as a part (or rather a continuation to perfection), of the lower degrees of masonry in its essential features. It is to be regarded as the same, in principle, and only different in degree. There is no distinguishing line by which the world will or can divide us; and hence the sins of the Companion or Brother are not separated, but are brought in array against us as an institution, one and indivisible. This being the fact, we believe the Brother or Companion, cut off for proper cause, should be debarred from any and every participancy with the institution. But in carrying out this view, we would classify the offences under two different grades, with distinct penalties, viz: suspension and expulsion. We are of the opinion that expulsion is often resorted to when suspension would be the proper penalty, and when the end to be attained by it would be far better. We do not believe that the non-payment of dues, contumacy in certain cases, personal difficulty with a Brother or Companion, and many other supposed circumstances, are proper causes for expulsion, or for interference between Chapter and Lodge. *But we do believe*, where expulsion shall arise from premeditated fraud, violation of masonic chastity, or by any other direct violation of the laws of God and man, that then the offending member should be lopped off as a corrupt branch of the entire body, and restoration never follow, but by humble penitence or restitution.

Your Committee are of the opinion that a punishment inflicted by a Master's Lodge should not be binding on a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons without a separate and distinct action.

In the printed proceedings before us, your Committee find that the degrees of Royal and Select Master are exciting considerable attention among many of our sister Grand Chapters. In this matter the Virginia Grand Chapter is particularly sensitive and tenacious that the degrees should be taken as part of Royal Arch Masonry, declaring that without it the work is incomplete. In

several other States these degrees appear to be in charge of separate councils distinct entirely from Arch Masonry. Virginia claims that these degrees were introduced in this country by a "distinguished chief," with the express understanding and belief that they were to be a *part*, and not independent of Arch Masonry. Your Committee have no knowledge of these degrees, and of course can express no opinion as to the order in which they should be observed. They think, however, that there would be no impropriety in an examination of this subject, and if deemed advisable, upon an investigation, to introduce such degrees in this State in some such form as may be agreeable and proper.

In concluding this report, your Committee cannot but again repeat the gratification they feel in the evident onward course of Arch Masonry in the several States from which they have been favored with returns. All the Chapters, parent and subordinate, evince a prosperity which will favorably compare with our palmiest days.

In several of the subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of these bodies, the exaltations number ten, fifteen, twenty, and in some instances over thirty, during the year. This state of things is the best commentary your Committee can give of the onward course of Royal Arch Masonry in our sister States; and from the pleasing aspect of things in our own State, we are satisfied that the time is not far distant when our own Chapters will exhibit the prosperity of by-gone days, notwithstanding our years of peril and darkness; that our sun will again burst forth with increasing refulgence, warming and vivifying into existence those latent energies so long buried under the frosts of bigotry and persecution.

Your Committee would earnestly recommend that particular attention be paid by our Grand Secretary to the inviting of a fraternal intercourse and correspondence with the several Grand Chapters of the Union, believing that such a course will not only materially assist our future Committees of Foreign Correspondence, and be the means of enlightening our own Companions as to the acts and doings of our sister grand bodies, thereby diffusing that knowledge which every Mason should possess, while at the same time it will increase that brotherly cement which is the just pride of the great masonic family.

All of which is respectfully submitted, etc.

L. G. HOFFMAN,
R. R. BOYD,
J. P. MITCHELL.

The report was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on the revision and amendment of the Constitution; and after some time spent thereon, the further consideration of the same was postponed until this afternoon.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet again at three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the further consideration of the report of the Committee on the revision and amendment of the Constitution, and having gone through with the same, and made amendments thereto, it was

Resolved, That the report be adopted, and that the following proposed amendments to the Constitution be entered on the minutes, as required by the Constitution.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

Section 1, of article i, to be stricken out.

Section 3 to be amended to read as follows :

SECTION 2. The Grand Officers aforesaid shall be annually elected by ballot, in open Chapter, and the Companion having a majority of all the votes cast for any of the offices aforesaid shall be declared duly elected. The said ballots are to be canvassed by the Secretary and Treasurer, in presence of the Chapter.

Section 4 to become section 3, and to read as follows :

SECT. 3. Each subordinate Chapter shall be entitled to three votes on all questions, and no more, whether represented by one or more Companions; each permanent or standing member thereof shall have one vote, and the Grand High Priest two votes, when the number of votes happen to be equal, otherwise he shall have but one vote; and no Companion can represent more than one Chapter at the same time.

Section 5 to become section 4, and to read as follows :

SECT. 4. Every Companion who shall offer himself as proxy for any High Priest, King, or Scribe, of any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, before he or they shall be permitted to take a seat as such, shall produce to the Grand Secretary a Warrant in the following form :

I, A. B., High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, No. holden in
the of in the county of do, by these presents, constitute
and appoint my beloved Companion, W. S., my proxy, to represent me and
the Chapter aforesaid in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New
York, at their next meeting at the City of Albany, hereby conferring on my
said proxy all the powers vested in me by virtue of my said office. Given
under my hand and the seal of the said Chapter, this day of 58 .
A. B.

Which said Warrant shall be sealed with the seal of the Chapter whereof the Companion making the same shall be an officer, and attested by the Secretary of the said Chapter in the margin, or on the back of the said Warrant, in form following:

I certify the seal hereunto affixed to have been made after the name of A. B. was subscribed to this Warrant. Z. S., *Secretary*.

Section 6 to become section 5, and to read as follows:

SECT. 5. In case of the death or absence of any one of the said officers, the Chapter whereof he was an officer may, by a resolution of said Chapter, authorize any Companion in regular standing in any Chapter within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter to represent them as aforesaid, as fully as such deceased or absent officer might have done were he alive or present; which resolution shall be certified by the Secretary thereof, and exemplified with the seal of the same; and he shall also certify the death or absence of such officer upon the back or margin of the same resolution.

Section 7 to become section 6, and to read thus:

SECT. 6 Every Companion offering himself as a representative of any Chapter, or as proxy, before he shall be permitted to act as such, shall produce to the Grand Secretary a certificate of the Secretary of such Chapter, in the following form:

I certify that A. B. was, on the day of last, duly elected High Priest, C. D., King, and E. F., Scribe, of Chapter No. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto annexed the seal of the said Chapter and subscribed my name officially thereto. J. K., *Secretary*.

Article ii, section 2, to be amended so as to read as follows:

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to determine the qualifications of each person presenting credentials for a seat, and claiming the right of membership, before such person shall be permitted to sit as a member; and if he entertains any doubt in respect to the propriety or validity of any such document, or if any dispute shall arise between him and any such person touching the same, it shall be the duty of such Secretary to refer the same to the three first officers present, whose determination shall be final, unless the person shall feel himself aggrieved, and petition, either in writing or by some member, for a hearing before this Grand Chapter, who shall, in such case, have power to confirm or reverse the decision aforesaid, or make such order on the subject as they may think proper.

Section 4 to be amended so as to read as follows:

SECT. 4. This Grand Chapter shall not have power to proceed to the election of officers, or any other business, on the first day of the session, unless to open and adjourn, except there shall be present the representatives of five regular Chapters, which shall be a sufficient number at all times to form a Grand Chapter: but if that number shall not appear on the second day of the session, within one hour after the time appointed for meeting, then those present may proceed to any business as though the whole was represented.

Section 5 to be stricken out.

Section 6 to become section 5, and to be amended so as to read as follows:

SECT. 5. The moneys paid into the funds of the Grand Chapter, being to defray the necessary expenses in the administration of its government, and to support the dignity and respectability thereof, and also for charitable pur-

poses; it is therefore declared that no disbursements shall be made unless by a vote of the Grand Chapter. And it is further declared that each member of this Grand Chapter shall be entitled to receive from the funds thereof, \$2.00 per day for his travel in going to and returning from the Grand Chapter, computing forty miles travel per day, and \$2.00 per day for his actual attendance; *Provided nevertheless*, That each Chapter shall receive pay for the travel and attendance of one member only, whether represented by one or all of its officers, or by proxy, computing the distance from the place where said Chapter is held; and every permanent member shall be entitled to receive the like sum as aforesaid. But in case such permanent member is the representative of a Chapter, he shall not receive pay for travel and attendance as such representative. Each permanent member and each representative attending from a Chapter over twenty miles from the place of meeting of this Grand Chapter, shall be entitled to his ratio of traveling expenses.

Section 6 to read as follows:

SECT. 6. No proxy for any Chapter, or for any High Priest, King, or Scribe of any Chapter, shall be entitled to traveling fees farther than from his actual place of residence, provided the same shall not be at a greater distance from the place of meeting of this Grand Chapter than the Chapter from which he shall derive his appointment.

Article iii, section 1, to be amended so as to read as follows:

SECT. 1. This Grand Chapter being the highest source of legitimate masonic authority, and only subject to the obligations contained in the Constitution of the GENERAL GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER of the United States of America, can, and of right ought to have the government and superintendence of all Chapters within its jurisdiction: It therefore may grant Warrants and Dispensations for constituting Royal Arch Chapters, with power to open Lodges of Most Excellent Masters, Past Masters, and Mark Masters, and confer said degrees; and when expedient, revoke and annul said Warrants or Dispensations: It may make laws, pass regulations, and at pleasure repeal, amend, or alter the same: It may censure, suspend, or expel Chapters or members, for violation or disobedience of its laws, regulations, or rules.

Section 2 to be stricken out.

Section 3 to become section 2, and to read as follows:

SECT. 2. No Warrant shall be granted by the Grand Chapter for the creation of any Royal Arch Chapter, unless upon the petition of at least nine regular Royal Arch Masons, directed to this Grand Chapter, praying that a Warrant may issue to authorize the creating a new Chapter, which said petition shall be recommended by the Chapter nearest to the place where the same new Chapter is to be erected, and which said recommendation shall vouch that the petitioners are all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing as such, and that they are men of good morals and of fair reputations. And the petitioners shall pay, upon the granting of the said Warrant, the sum of \$90.00 for a Warrant for the degree of Royal Arch, Most Excellent Masters, Past Masters, and Mark Master Masons.

Section 3 to read as follows:

SECT. 3. No Dispensation or Warrant shall hereafter be granted for constituting Lodges of Most Excellent Masters, Past Masters, or Mark Master Masons, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Section 4 to be stricken out.

Section 5 to become section 4, and to read as follows :

SECT. 4. The Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, during the recess of this Grand Chapter, shall have power and authority to grant Dispensations for holding Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, including in the same, Lodges of Most Excellent Masters, Past Masters, and Mark Masters, on a regular application to either of them for that purpose, accompanied with the same number of petitioners and recommended in all cases as would be necessary to obtain a Warrant, and on paying the same sum or sums of money therefor ; such Dispensation, when granted, shall be as valid as a Warrant could be, until the next meeting of the Grand Chapter ; at which time it shall be the duty of the officer granting the same to make report, in writing, to the Grand Chapter of his doings thereon, pay over the money received by him for said Dispensation into the hands of the Secretary, and produce the petition and other documents accompanying the same. Whereupon it shall be the duty of the Grand Chapter to confirm the power and authority of said Chapter by granting them a Warrant, or annul the same by their special act, in which last case the said petitioners shall receive back such sum or sums of money which they have heretofore paid for such Dispensation, after deducting the sum of \$5.00 for the expense of granting the Dispensation.

The three following sections to be added :

SECT. 5. When any Chapter which has discontinued work shall hereafter have its Warrant revived by this Grand Chapter, no member formerly having belonged to said Chapter shall be considered members under the revival except the actual petitioners for the same.

SECT. 6. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary hereafter, on the first day of the session of this Grand Chapter, to present to the same an account or statement of the items of all receipts and disbursements at the preceding Chapter, or in the subsequent vacation, from whom received, and for what purpose disbursed, and the balance remaining in fund ; and it also shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to present his account or statement in like manner, and at the same time, that the members may be enabled to judge of the finances of the said Grand Chapter, which said statements shall be kept by the Grand High Priest for the time being, and by him delivered over to his successor in office.

SECT. 7. No member of this Grand Chapter shall receive his compensation for attending the same until such time as the dues of the Chapter he represents are fully paid up.

Articles iv, section 1, to be amended so as to read as follows :

SECT. 1. A Royal Arch Chapter shall consist of a High Priest, a King, a Scribe, Captain of the Host, a Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, three Grand Masters, a Secretary and Treasurer, and as many members as may be found convenient, not less than nine regular Royal Arch Masons, including the

officers; and no Chapter shall be opened in the degree of Royal Arch without that number; and no Chapter shall be held under this jurisdiction without a Warrant or Dispensation from this Grand Chapter.

SECT. 2. The election of officers in all Chapters under this jurisdiction shall take place on the regular meeting of such Chapter next preceding the festival of St. John the Evangelist, in each year, to be determined by ballot in manner and form as laid down in article i, section 2; and be installed at the time of election or within forty days thereafter.

Section 3 to be amended to read as follows:

SECT. 3. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons holding under this Grand Chapter shall pay into the funds thereof the following sums, viz: for the exaltation of every Companion to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, the sum of \$2.00, and for every member thereof the annual sum of fifty cents; which said several sums shall be punctually paid during the session of this Grand Chapter at their next regular annual meeting; and every Chapter or Lodge which shall neglect or refuse to pay the said sums at the times aforesaid, and continue so to refuse or neglect, without good reason shown to the satisfaction of a majority of the members present of this Grand Chapter, until the next regular session thereof, shall be deemed the violators of this Constitution, and unwholesome members of this Grand Chapter, and shall therefore be punished by forfeiture of their Warrant and expulsion from this Grand Chapter, and only restored by paying up all dues, and sufficient and satisfactory apology for the breach of good rules. And every member of a subordinate Chapter who shall refuse or neglect to pay his quarterly dues for more than one year, and continue so to neglect or refuse without good reason shown to the satisfaction of a majority of the members of such subordinate Chapter, shall be deemed an unwholesome member, and be punished by suspension or expulsion from such Chapter, and only be restored by payment of all his back dues; and that such delinquent member shall be prohibited from sitting or voting in such Chapter during his delinquency.

Section 4 to be amended so as to read as follows:

SECT. 4. And for the better carrying the preceding section into effect, the Grand Secretary shall, on the last day of the session of this Grand Chapter, inform the same what Chapters are deficient, and how long they have been so in the payment of their dues aforesaid, that the Grand Chapter may make such order thereon as the members thereof shall deem right.

Section 5 to be amended so as to read as follows:

SECT. 5. No Master Mason can be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in any Chapter under this jurisdiction without being regularly proposed in open Chapter by petition (which petition shall lie over at least one meeting, that the character of the candidate may be fairly investigated by the members), and paying not less than \$20.00 into the treasury thereof; but if the candidate receive the Mark Master's degree only, the least sum demanded shall be \$5.00, to be paid as above.

Section 6 to be amended to read as follows:

SECT. 6. Every Chapter holding under this Grand Chapter shall have a

seal, the device thereof to be made at their pleasure, and shall be engraven, with the name of the Chapter aforesaid, and the number thereof in figures or numeral letters; an impression of which said seal shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary, and the device described in writing in a book to be kept by him for that purpose; and no papers or documents presented to this Grand Chapter as credentials or evidences from any such Chapter, shall be received as such, unless there is a sufficient similarity between the impressions thereon and the one deposited as aforesaid, to be determined by the Grand Secretary, or in case of doubt or controversy on the subject, to be determined as is heretofore pointed out for the admission of members, in article ii, and section 2.

Section 7 to be amended to read as follows:

SECT. 7. It being the duty of every Chapter under this jurisdiction, to be represented at an early period of each session thereof, in order to support its respectability, and to become informed of all proceedings and doings, and to aid by their wisdom in the deliberations and counsels, that the general interest may be advanced, good order prevail, and the true state of every branch of this Grand Chapter well understood. It is therefore hereby declared, that an omission of a duty so important to the well being of this institution deserves severe censure; it is, therefore, hereby strongly enjoined on all such persons to be prompt in the performance of the duties aforesaid; to be early at the said sessions with their returns of the officers, members, and dues, of the respective Chapters.

Section 8 to be amended so as to read as follows:

SECT. 8. If any Companion of any Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be guilty of a masonic misdemeanor, by breaking the rules and regulations thereof, by betraying the trust reposed in him, or by gross immoral conduct, the Chapter to which the offender belongs shall forthwith summon him to appear before said Chapter, naming the time when; and, before the time of trial, shall furnish him a copy of the charges preferred against him, together with the names of the complainants or witnesses. A reasonable time shall be allowed for such offender to prepare for his defence, and if on trial the charges preferred against him are sustained, and he makes no satisfaction therefor, the Chapter shall proceed to reprimand, suspend, or expel him, as they shall consider most proper. Neglect or refusal to obey the summons shall in no case stay the proceedings, provided a reasonable time is allowed the offender in such case. If the offender is expelled, the nature of the offence with a copy of the proceedings thereon, duly attested by the Secretary of said Chapter, in case of an appeal, shall without delay be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, who shall lay the same before the Grand Chapter at their next annual meeting, that the decision of said Chapter may then be ratified or annulled: *Provided always* the person so offending, and being expelled, feeling himself aggrieved thereby, shall have the privilege of an appeal to this Grand Chapter, if in session, and during its recess to the Grand High Priest, or the Deputy Grand High Priest, who shall appoint a Committee (if deemed expedient) to investigate the facts in the case, and report thereon at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter. And on hearing such report, the Grand Chapter

shall have the power of restoring him (if acquitted of the charge) to the general privileges of masonry, but not to membership within the body from which he had been expelled without their own consent. Nor can there be a Dispensation in such a case, for every masonic body has the power of determining its own members for the maintenance of harmony and good order therein.

Section 9 to be amended to read as follows :

SECT. 9. That no candidate, residing in or near any city or town where a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is holden under this jurisdiction, shall be exalted or advanced in any Chapter in any other place, without a recommendation from the Chapter nearest the place where said candidate may reside.

Section 10 to be amended to read as follows :

SECT. 10. That no candidate, whose application may be rejected in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be exalted or advanced in any other Chapter which shall have received official notice of such rejection, without an appeal to the Grand Chapter.

Section 13 to be amended to read as follows :

SECT. 13. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, at the expense of this Grand Chapter, to cause to be printed a sufficient number of blank Warrants and certificates, agreeable to the form in this Constitution, and also devise a suitable form for annual returns ; cause blanks to be printed, and from time to time, as need may be, to transmit them to the several Chapters.

Section 14 to be amended to read as follows :

SECT. 14. The Grand High Priest, or his Deputy, may annually appoint one or more discreet and well informed Royal Arch Masons, Grand Visitors, whose duty it shall be, if required by any Chapter, to visit such Chapter and instruct them in the lectures of the degrees which they have taken, and the mode of work ; and such Chapter shall pay such Visitor a reasonable compensation for the same.

Section 16 to be stricken out.

Section 17 to become section 16, and to be amended so as to read as follows :

SECT. 16. Whenever a Warrant shall issue to authorize the holding a new Chapter, the same shall be installed by the Grand High Priest, or the Deputy Grand High Priest, unless where the distance is such that they, or either of them, cannot conveniently attend ; in which case they, or either of them, may appoint some capable High Priest or Past High Priest of a Chapter, by a Dispensation under their hands and seals, or the hand and seal of either of them, to perform the services aforesaid ; and the form of installation shall be agreeable to that directed by the General Grand Constitution.

Section 18 to become section 17, and to read as follows :

SECT. 17. No person shall be permitted to sit in this Grand Chapter, as a visitor, without the unanimous consent of all the members present.

Section 19 to become section 18, and to be amended to read as follows :

SECT. 18. Every Chapter under this jurisdiction ought to assemble at least once in three months, for the purpose of perfecting themselves in working in

the respective degrees; and such as shall not meet for the space of one year shall forfeit all their privileges under this Grand Chapter, and the name of their Warrant shall be struck from the record of the same, unless some sufficient reason be offered to induce a forbearance.

Section 20 to become section 19, and to read as follows:

SECT. 19. Whenever it shall be deemed necessary to alter or amend this Constitution, the same shall be done in the manner following: The Grand Chapter in session may propose any alterations or amendments, reduce them to form, the consideration of which shall lie over until the next session of the Grand Chapter, and if then voted by two-thirds of the members present, they shall become a part of this Constitution.

A petition from HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4, for remission of dues having been read, it was

Resolved, That the dues of HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4, except for the past year, be remitted.

A petition of HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4, held at Trenton, N. J., to be removed to Etontown, was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Warrants.

The Standing Committee on Warrants, to whom was referred several petitions for the revival and removal of Chapters, made a report recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That AURORA CHAPTER, No. 64, at Aurora, in the County of Cayuga, be revived; that the dues of said Chapter be remitted; and that JONATHAN RICHMOND, SALEM TOWN, CHARLES D. HAIGHT, SAMUEL MANDELL, CHARLES E. SHEPHERD, JOHN A. DODGE, MINARD V. BABCOCK, ALLEN THOMAS, and PETER YAWGER, being the petitioners for the revival of the said Chapter, be the members thereof; and that they are hereby authorized to assemble and hold an election of officers for the present year.

Resolved, That HIRAM UNION CHAPTER, No. 53, at Canajoharie, be revived; that the dues of said Chapter be remitted, and that they be authorized to hold an election of officers for the current year; and that ABRAM VAN ALSTYNE, JOSEPH WHITE, PYTHAGORAS WETMORE, BALTUS COOK, JOHN C. SEARLE, JOHN BURNS, HARMON J. EHLE, DANIEL P. CADY, DAVID SPENCER, GEO. G. JOHNSON, and GEORGE BRADY, being the petitioners, be the only members at the revival of said Chapter.

Resolved, That OGDENSBURGH CHAPTER, No. 63, at Ogdensburgh, in the County of St. Lawrence, be revived; that the dues of the said Chapter be remitted; and that SYLVESTER GILBERT, be High Priest, GEORGE GUEST, King, and RAWLINGS WEBSTER, Scribe. And that the following Companions, being the petitioners, be the only members thereof on the revival of said Chapter, viz: SYLVESTER GILBERT, GEORGE GUEST, RAWLINGS WEBSTER,

HARVEY CHURCH, T. G. SEWARD, R. D. SEARLE, S. BALDWIN, S. B. JAMES, and H. DUDLEY.

Resolved, That NEWARK CHAPTER, No. 117, at Newark, in the County of Wayne, be revived, and the Warrant returned; that the dues of said Chapter be remitted; and that JAMES P. BARTLE, be High Priest, JOHN DAGGETT, King, and VINCENT G. BARNEY, Scribe, thereof. And that JAMES P. BARTLE, JOHN DAGGETT, VINCENT G. BARNEY, SAMUEL E. HUDSON, GEORGE MIDDLETON, MOSES B. WHITMORE, ROBERT MCBRIDE, THOMAS WOLCOTT, JACOB WRIGHT, and R. S. CLUTE, being the petitioners, be the only members of said Chapter at the revival thereof.

Resolved, That SALINA CHAPTER, No. 70, be revived by the name of SYRACUSE CHAPTER, No. 70, to be held at Syracuse, in the County of Onondaga; that the Warrant be restored, and the dues of the said Chapter remitted; and that they be authorized to hold an election of officers for the current year. And that the following petitioners be the only members on the revival of said Chapter, viz: LYMAN R. AVERILL, JOSEPH JAQUETH, BENJAMIN F. GREENE, LEVI ADAMS, JOSIAH WADKINS, ZEBULON KINNE, JONATHAN P. HICKS, MATTHEW VAN VLECK, GEORGE W. ROBINSON, ELISHA CLARK, SANFORD C. PARKER, BENJAMIN FRENCH, ABRAHAM G. BROWN, JOHN NEWELL, JERRY PENFIELD, ARCHIBALD PERKINS, DEARBORN B. BECKFORD, HENRY LAKE, ANSON STORY, and JOHN M. CLARK.

Resolved, That HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4, now held at Trenton, N. J., be and the same is hereby authorized to be held at Eatontown, agreeably to the prayer of the petition on that subject.

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and the several resolutions adopted.

The Standing Committee on Warrants further reported that they recommend that the petition of the Companions of SACKETT'S HARBOR CHAPTER, for a revival of said Chapter, be referred to the M.: E.: Grand High Priest, with power to grant the same if expedient.

Resolved, That the report be accepted; and that the said petition be referred accordingly.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the permanent securities of this Grand Chapter, reported that they had had the same under consideration, and had given it that attention which its importance demands, and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the permanent securities and money belonging to this Grand Chapter be converted into first bond and mortgage, Government, or this State stocks, as the Trustees having the same in charge shall deem most expedient, except so much as may be necessary to meet the current demands on this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and adopted.

Comp. JOSEPH ENOS reported :

That in pursuance of a resolution of the Grand Chapter at its last meeting, respecting STEUBEN CHAPTER, No. 101, he had attended to the duty assigned him, and effected a settlement with the Chapter, and received for the dues of said Chapter to February 1st, 1848, \$73.00, and paid the same to the Grand Secretary.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet again at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FEBRUARY 8, 1849.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Comp. J. O. HARRIS, etc., etc., reported :

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of New York :

The Special Committee, to whom were referred the memorial of Comp. J. O. HARRIS, of HOLLAND CHAPTER, No. 1, of the State of Louisiana, together with the accompanying letters of Comp. VAN HOUTEN, and our M.: E.: Grand High Priest, and the formal protest of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest of the State of Louisiana, respectfully report :

That they have given the papers committed to them and the subject to which they relate that careful and attentive consideration which the high standing and position of the parties, and the delicacy and importance of the matter involved require at their hands.

The memorial of Comp. HARRIS represents that on the 28th day of September last, the memorialist "presented himself at the regular meeting of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, in the City of New York, for admission if found worthy and well qualified, but was refused an examination by the High Priest of said Chapter, on the ground that he was a member of a Master's Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons of Louisiana, a body not recognized by the Grand Lodge of New York." To this decision the memorialist took exception, and entered a written protest. The memorial further represents that HOLLAND CHAPTER, of which he was a member, was warranted by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, in September, 1847, with a knowledge of the fact that its officers were members of the above mentioned "Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons of Louisiana." With regard to these facts there does not appear, from the documents before us, to be any controversey, as the memorial was submitted to the intelligent and accomplished Companion who presides over ANCIENT CHAPTER, and the statements therein contained were not controverted by him, and it is gratifying to your Committee to be able to add that the memorialist states that he entertains no unpleasant feeling against Comp. VAN HOU-

TEN, but says that he is satisfied that he acted from the purest motives and from a conscientious sense of masonic duty, and that he received from our Companion, as all who know him will readily believe, the most courteous treatment.

The question thus successively submitted to the M.: E.: Deputy Grand High Priest, and the M.: E.: Grand High Priest, who respectively, and as your Committee think very properly, declined giving a decision in a question of so much importance to the craft at large, choosing, as we infer, to leave it rather to the judgment and sense of this grand body, as there was nothing in the nature of the case which required immediate action.

Following this memorial of Comp. HARRIS is the protest of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana (who also describes himself as High Priest of HOLLAND CHAPTER), under the seal of that Grand Chapter, and duly attested, dated January 16th, 1849, and addressed to this Grand Chapter, against the acts of ANCIENT CHAPTER in this matter; denying the right of any Royal Arch Chapter to take cognizance of the subject; but stating no new fact except it be as to the character and masonic standing of Comp. HARRIS, who, as nothing appears to the contrary, it is but just to presume was "worthy and well qualified." This document is clothed in strong language, and we regret that our M.: E.: Companion of Louisiana should have so far wandered from the point at issue as to deem the act of ANCIENT CHAPTER, in refusing to admit Comp. HARRIS to visit, as "an unwarrantable reproach and reflection upon the character and standing of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Louisiana," or as "a gratuitous insult" to that Grand Chapter; and while we admire that spirit which leads them to vindicate the rights of any Companion which they may deem to have been assailed, yet we cannot view it in that light or believe it to have been for a moment entertained or intended.

To give a better understanding of this subject we will briefly remark, without aiming at particularity in dates, which for this purpose is unnecessary; that previous to the year 1847 there was a Grand Lodge in the State of Louisiana with which the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of this State was on terms of affiliation and correspondence; that it was alleged that such Grand Lodge countenanced a cumulation of rites upon the Ancient York rite, viz: the French and Scotch rites; that certain Brethren in that State, claiming to be the champions of pure masonry and of the York rite, applied to the Grand Lodge of the State of Mississippi, who, in disregard of the sovereignty of the existing Grand Lodge, and strangely forgetful of geographical limits, extended her broad mantle over Louisiana, and chartered sundry Lodges, who subsequently formed what the memorialist styles the "Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons." The latter body the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of this State has refused to recognize; and we wish to say here that we desire neither to question the propriety or expediency of their decision: First, because this grand body has no right to interfere at all in the matter, and, second, because the amicable and friendly relations which have ever existed between us and this grand body would forbid us from taking a single step towards an infringement upon their proper prerogatives. Nay, we are bound to believe that, in their proper masonic sphere, they judged and decided aright.

The conclusion to which your Committee has arrived on the subject presented to them is, that ANCIENT CHAPTER erred in refusing to admit Comp. HARRIS to an examination for the reasons assigned by them, and we do this with great diffidence and respect towards Companions of that Chapter, and especially their accomplished presiding officer.

The first and most obvious suggestion is, has a Chapter a right to inquire into the masonic relations of a Companion, in regular standing in regular Chapter, with the Master's Lodge of which he may be a member, or whether he is in connection with any such Lodge? We think this right may well be doubted. We admit that it is their province under our Constitution to inquire whether a Companion has "regularly received" the symbolical as well as the Chapter degrees, but we hold that the right must be exercised in view of the extrinsic proofs which the applicant can furnish of being lawfully in possession of them, aside from any existing connection between him and any symbolic Lodge. We deny that they have any right to act in a judicial capacity to decide between conflicting claims, and we contend that it is no act of disrespect to the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of this State in the case before us to refuse to assume such functions. Other jurisdictions have differed in opinion from the Grand Lodge of this State as to the regularity of the masonic body with which Comp. HARRIS is connected in the lower degrees, and it does appear to us that under such circumstances it is no part of the province of a Royal Arch Chapter to step in and assume the capacity of judges. Your Committee, however, in the case before us, would particularly call your attention to the fact that there is no evidence going to show that Comp. HARRIS had not "regularly received" the symbolical degrees, and being in regular standing in a regular Chapter the presumption is, as we hold it always should be in every case, that he had regularly received the degrees. To deny such a presumption would be to practically deny to every Companion the benefit of Royal Arch Masonry till the regularity of the Master's Lodge where he first *saw the light* had been scrutinized by a different and independent masonic body.

But the main point, and that which has led us irresistibly to the conclusion to which we have arrived, is, that, as it appears from the papers before us, the General Grand Chapter, the common superior of this Grand Chapter and that of Louisiana, has decided this point by a recognition of the regularity of HOLLAND CHAPTER, and granting to it a Warrant with a knowledge of the fact that its officers were members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of the so-styled "Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons of Louisiana."

We suppose this to be conclusive upon the question, and till their decree in the premises shall have been reversed or set aside, which it is not in our power to do, we hold that we are bound to recognize the regularity of HOLLAND CHAPTER, and all its worthy Companions, and to admit them to visitation in the Chapters under this jurisdiction. In conclusion, we subjoin the following resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SEYMOUR,
SALEM TOWN,
JOHN L. LEWIS, JUN.

Resolved, In the opinion of this Grand Chapter, that ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, of New York, *erred* in refusing to admit to examination on his application for admission as a visitor, Comp. J. O. HARRIS, of HOLLAND CHAPTER, No. 1, of Louisiana, on the ground that he was a member of a Master's Lodge under the jurisdiction of the "Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, of Louisiana"; but we do not believe in, and protest against, the conclusion, under the facts of the case, of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana, that such act was an unwarrantable reproach and reflection upon that body, or a gratuitous insult to it.

The report was accepted; and a motion having been made that the resolution be adopted,

Comp. BOYD moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "*erred*" in the second line, and inserting the words "*did not err*," and by striking out the word "*but*" in the sixth line, and inserting the word "*and*."

Debates were had thereon, and the question having been put, the same was decided in the negative.

Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the report and resolution be adopted

Comp. HATCH offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The degrees of Royal and Select Master have not been conferred to much extent in this State; but have been and are conferred in several other States; in some, in the Royal Arch Chapters, and in others in grand and subordinate Councils of Royal and Select Masters; and

Whereas, These degrees belong to and are a part of Royal Arch Masonry, and were once only conferred in the Chapters, and are essential to a full and perfect understanding of the Royal Arch degree; and Chapters, with the sanction of this Grand Chapter, would be authorized to confer them; and

Whereas, The degrees are beginning to be conferred in this State under the authority of other grand bodies, and there is a desire manifested among members of many of the Chapters in this State to obtain those degrees; and

Whereas, It is inexpedient unnecessarily to multiply independent grand and subordinate masonic organizations, for purposes that can as well be accomplished under one organization; and

Whereas, This Grand Chapter having this power, and deeming it expedient to exercise it, therefore,

Resolved, That the conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Master in this State, except within the body of a just and legally constituted Royal Arch Chapter, acting under a Warrant from, and subordinate to, this Grand Chapter, is hereby strictly prohibited; and any Royal Arch Mason, or member of any Chapter in this State, who shall confer the same upon any person in this State, in any other manner or place, shall be liable to censure for so doing from his own or the Chapter nearest to the place of conferring them; and

Resolved, That the Royal Arch Chapters under this jurisdiction are hereby authorized and empowered, so far as this Grand Chapter has or can grant such power, to confer the said degrees in their Chapters, subject to and in accordance with the regulations concerning the said degrees, when they do not as at present arranged conflict with the authority of this Grand Chapter; and that this Grand Chapter prohibit, so far as they have power to do so, the formation in future in this State of any subordinate or Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, without the sanction or consent of this Grand Chapter.

The same having been read, were ordered to lie on the table.

Comp. Van HOUTEN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Chapter in the General Grand Chapter of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to introduce and urge the adoption of an amendment of article ii, section 1, of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, so that the several State Grand Chapters shall have power to make Past High Priests of the subordinate Chapters permanent members of the same.

The said resolution having been considered, was, on motion, laid on the table.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following officers were duly elected:

M. E. ROBERT R. BOYD, of New York, . . .	Grand High Priest.
" WILLIAM BREWSTER, of Rochester, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. ORSAMUS DIBBLE, of Moravia, . . .	Grand King.
" JAMES S. FRENCH, of Elmira, . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE, of Albany, . . .	Grand Secretary.
" GERRIT W. RYCKMAN, of New York, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN, of Aurora, . . .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JESSE P. MITCHELL, of Albany, . . .	Grand Marshal.

JOHN PIERCE, of Albany, was appointed Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet again at three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Grand Chaplain delivered an able and impressive address.

The Grand Officers elect were duly installed into their respective offices.

The Standing Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books reported that they had examined the same, and found them correct.

The preamble and resolutions offered by Comp. HATCH, this morning, and laid upon the table, were called up and considered.

Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the same be referred to the Grand Council, with power.

On motion of Comp. LEWIS, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to the Grand Chaplain for the able and very interesting address delivered by him during the present session of this Grand Chapter, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

On motion of Comp. HATCH, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are respectfully tendered to our Past M. E. Grand High Priest, Comp. A. J. ROUSSEAU, for the impartial, assiduous and able manner in which the duties of his office have been discharged by him, and that in retiring from the station he does so with the warm attachment and respect of every member of this Grand Chapter.

On motion of Comp. VAN HOUTEN, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented to our Past Grand King, Comp. L. G. HOFFMAN, for the able and faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

On motion of Comp. VAN HOUTEN, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the amendment and revision of the Constitution have richly earned the thanks of this Grand Chapter, hereby tendered them, for the able manner in which they have discharged their laborious duty.

Comp. WEED offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the salary of the Grand Secretary be reduced to \$50.00.

Ordered, That the said resolution do lie upon the table.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to consider the amendment to the Constitution proposed at the last session; and the same having been read, is as follows:

Whereas, The amendment of section 8, of article iii, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, is deemed to be in conflict with a provision in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; therefore,

Resolved, That the said amendment be and the same is hereby repealed; and that the Constitution be so amended that the word "sixty" in the said section be stricken out, and the word "ninety" inserted.

The question having been put, the same was unanimously adopted.

The Royal Arch lecture was then given by Comps. J. ENOS and WADSWORTH, Grand Visitors.

The Grand Council announced that they had appointed Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and EBENEZER WADSWORTH Grand Visitors for the ensuing year.

Then, after solemn prayer and benediction by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIVED.

Received for dues,	\$501 38
" " " of Ogdensburg Chapter, (under Dispensation,)	13 62
" " interest on loan of \$950.00,	66 50
" " dividends and interest,	705 00
Total,	\$1,286 45

EXPENDED.

For pay of members,	\$441 88
A. J. Rousseau, P. G. H. P.,	6 00
R. R. Boyd, G. H. P.,	27 32
Lewis G. Hoffman, P. G. K.,	6 00
Salem Town, Grand Chaplain,	65 66
Elisha Gilbert, P. G. H. P.,	10 00
Benjamin Enos, P. G. H. P.,	24 00
Joseph Enos, P. G. K.,	42 70
" per resolution,	40 00
Ebenezer Wadsworth, P. G. S.,	6 00
Joseph Cuyler, P. G. K.,	12 00
Jesse P. Mitchell, Grand Marshal,	15 00
John Pierce, Grand Sentinel,	25 25
John O. Cole, Grand Secretary,	100 00
Gerrit W. Ryckman, Grand Treasurer,	50 00
C. Van Benthuysen, for printing,	28 88
For use of Masonic Hall,	25 00
For charity,	140 00
Balance,	221 76
Total,	\$1,286 45

CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER.

No.	CHAPTER.	TOWN.	COUNTY.	HIGH PRIEST.	KING.	SCRIBE.
1	Ancient,.....	New York,.....	New York,.....	Philip S. Van Houten,	Allen A. Burns,	Nathan Roberts.
2	Phœnix,.....	New York,.....	New York,.....	No return.	Samuel R. Scattergood,	Elias Phillips.
4	Hiram,.....	Eastontown, N. J.,	Albany,.....	Charles Burroughs,	James Jenkinson,	Hiram Arnold.
5	Temple,.....	Hudson,.....	Columbia,.....	William Seymour,	Ichabod Rogers,	John Hamlin.
6	Hudson,.....	Hudson,.....	New York,.....	James Batchelor,	John F. Robinson,	George S. Gibbons.
8	Jerusalem,.....	New York,.....	Madison,.....	George Ackerman,	No return.	Harvey N. Hill.
22	Warren,.....	Bridgeport,.....	Saratoga,.....	No return.	Nathan J. Johnson,	Lewis Webb.
23	Warren,.....	Ballston Spa,.....	Cayuga,.....	Abel Meeker,	William Wade,	Warren Cronk.
30	John the Baptist,.....	Moravia,.....	Cayuga,.....	Orsamus Dibble,	Samuel Graves,	Consider Warner.
34	David's,.....	Auburn,.....	Cayuga,.....	Harvey Wilson,	Lucius Parks,	George Wight.
35	Western Star,.....	Le Roy,.....	Genesee,.....	Luther Kelly,	Enos Barnes,	Charles W. Dunn.
36	Geneva,.....	Geneva,.....	Ontario,.....	Azor Curtiss,	Washington Thurman,	Gilbert Geer.
42	Elmira,.....	Elmira,.....	Chemung,.....	James S. French,	John S. Perry,	Calvin Auburn.
48	Apollo,.....	Troy,.....	Rensselaer,.....	James Hegeman,	A. N. Corse,	William H. Cheney.
49	Watertown,.....	Watertown,.....	Jefferson,.....	H. K. Newcomb,	Samuel Richardson,	Rawlings Webster.
53	Hiram Union,.....	Canajoharie,.....	Montgomery,.....	Charles G. Cummings,	George Guest,	
62	Hamilton,.....	Rochester,.....	Monroe,.....	Sylvester Gilbert,		
63	Ogdensburg,.....	Ogdensburg,.....	St. Lawrence,.....			
64	Aurora,.....	Aurora,.....	Cayuga,.....			
70	Syracuse,.....	Syracuse,.....	Onondaga,.....			
71	Buffalo,.....	Buffalo,.....	Errie,.....	No return.		
88	Ames,.....	Lockport,.....	Niagara,.....	No return.		
91	Dunsville,.....	Dunsville,.....	Livingston,.....	Merritt Brown,	Javin Bradley,	Aaron Brown.
100	Penn Yan,.....	Penn Yan,.....	Yates,.....	John L. Lewis, Jun.,	Abner Woodworth,	Henry P. Startwell.
103	St. John's,.....	Greenfield,.....	Saratoga,.....	John Gifford,	Samuel Eddy,	John S. Weed.
105	Cazenovia,.....	Cazenovia,.....	Madison,.....	No return.		
109	Nassau,.....	Brooklyn,.....	Kings,.....	George L. Thatcher,	George B. Glendening,	John A. Frieke.
117	Newark,.....	Newark,.....	Wayne,.....	James P. Bartle,	John Daggett,	Vincent G. Barney.
131	Rising Sun,.....	Saratoga Springs,.....	Saratoga,.....	Joseph M. Wheeler,	Daniel D. Benedict,	Richard L. Allen.
132	St. Lawrence,.....	Canton,.....	St. Lawrence,.....	Elijah Baker,	Daniel Mack,	Paul Boynton.

1850.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York,
convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany,
on the 5th day of February, 5850.

PRESENT:

M. E. ROBERT R. BOYD,	Grand High Priest.
" WILLIAM BREWSTER,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. ORSAMUS DIBBLE,	Grand King.
" JAMES S. FRENCH,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
Comp. JESSE P. MITCHELL,	Grand Marshal.
" JOHN PIERCE,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. ELISHA GILBERT,	P. G. H. P.
" MORDECAI MYERS,	P. G. H. P.
" BENJAMIN ENOS,	P. G. H. P.
" EZRA S. BARNUM,	P. G. H. P.
" ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU,	P. G. H. P.
E. JOSEPH ENOS,	P. G. K.
" ORVILLE HUNGERFORD,	P. G. K.
" LEWIS G. HOFFMAN,	P. G. K.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters, as follows:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RECEIVED.	PAID.
1. Ancient, . . .	Philip S. Van Houten, . . .	\$48 25	\$27 82
2. Phoenix, . . .	Charles Scholey, . . .	42 37	27 82
4. Hiram, . . .	George Finch, . . .	11 50	33 33
5. Temple, . . .	James Jenkinson, . . .	10 00	8 00
	Thomas H. Dobbs.		
6. Hudson, . . .	James Batchellor, . . .	23 50	10 00
8. Jerusalem, . . .	John O. Cole, . . .	26 00	
22. Warren, . . .	Oliver Harrijs, . . .	12 00	18 66
23. Warren, . . .	Harvey N. Hill, . . .	14 37½	12 00
30. John the Baptist, . . .	Samuel E. Day, . . .	16 25	30 00
34. David's, . . .	Harvey Wilson, . . .	50 25	30 00
35. Western Star, . . .	Thomas C. Ladd, . . .	22 00	44 00
36. Geneva, . . .	Luther Kelly, . . .	21 31	32 00
42. Elmira, . . .	Jotham Purdy, . . .	19 34	37 32

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RECEIVED.	PAID.
48. Apollo, . . .	J. S. Perry, . . . J. D. Willard, E. J. Higgins.	\$29 50	\$6 00
53. Hiram Union, . .	Pythagoras Wetmore, . . .	7 00	14 00
57. Oneida, . . .	Philemon Lyon, . . . Jarvis M. Hatch.	48 88	18 79
59. Watertown, . . .	O. Hungerford, . . . P. Mundy, C. K. Loomis.	26 00	31 00
62. Hamilton, . . .	Charles G. Cummings, . . .	26 50	40 00
63. Ogdensburgh, . .	Timothy G. Seward . . .	19 00	33 00
64. Aurora, . . .	Minard V. Babcock, . . . C. H. Richmond.	11 00	32 00
68. Sackett's Harbor, .	Thomas S. Hall, . . .	.. ..	.. ..
70. Syracuse, . . .	T. C. Edwards, . . . G. N. Williams, J. M. Clark.	24 50	28 00
71. Buffalo, . . .	O. H. Dibble, . . .	78 45	48 00
88. Ames, . . .	Myron L. Burrell, . . .	47 88	48 00
91. Dansville, . . .	Merritt Brown . . .	27 50	42 70
100. Penn Yan, . . .	J. L. Lewis, Jun., . . . Davison Moshier.	37 62½	36 80
101. Steuben, . . .	Jesse Vanderhoven, . . .	42 50	42 00
103. St. John's, . . .	John S. Weed, . . .	14 00	13 58
105. Cazenovia, . . .	Elihu S. Williams, . . .	15 62½	26 00
109. Nassau, . . .	George L. Thatcher, . . .	27 37½	29 82
117. Newark, . . .	John Daggett, . . .	20 00	34 00
131. Rising Sun, . . .	— . . .	8 12½	
132. St. Lawrence, . .	Daniel Mack, . . .	31 50	34 00
CHAPTER U. D.:			
Phoenix, . . .	S. S. Bingham, . . .	1 18	
		\$861 28½	\$867 18

The Grand Chapter was opened on the Royal Arch degree in due form.

The minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, at its last session, were read and approved.

The M. E. Grand High Priest then addressed the Grand Chapter as follows:

Excellent Companions:

A merciful Providence has watched over us another year, and we are again permitted to assemble within these sacred walls. With great pleasure I have to report the utmost harmony prevails within *this* branch of the masonic family, and I wish I could add, *the* masonic family of the State; but I presume the great majority of those present are immediately or remotely connected

with the symbolic Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of this State, in which an unhappy difference occurred at their annual session in June last, which for a moment threatened to sever the ties which bind us together, and tear asunder not only family connections, but erase from the tablets of our memories attachments that had been engrafted in youth and strengthened by years of maturity.

Brother was arrayed against Brother; Lodge against Lodge; personal hostility was threatened, and for a moment the angry passions of man contended with his better judgment for the ascendancy — forgetting what was due to himself and his fellow men. Chaos reigned supreme. But, by the coolness and decision of the Grand Master on that trying occasion, order was partially restored; the Grand Lodge adjourned for the evening, and on re-assembling the following morning, the rioters of the preceding evening absented themselves, the Grand Lodge went on with its regular business, having got rid of a party whose ambition blinded them to all sense of wrong; who knew no law but the gratification of their own will; the utmost harmony prevailed during the remainder of the session. They have published their proceedings to the masonic world, and have been clearly and distinctly sustained by fifteen Grand Lodges, that have since met and decided on the evidence before them, being the printed statements of the Grand Lodge and those emanating from the rioters on that occasion, to whom *not one word of comfort* has been extended, unless to defer action on a resolution offered in the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, to "recognize the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, of which M. W. JOHN D. WILLARD is Grand Master," until the semi-annual meeting in May next, may be an exception.

This party has sent broadcast through the land a statement emanating from their Grand Steward's Lodge, not only derogatory to me as a Mason, but as a man. I admit the receipt of a summons to appear before that body, after they had by force and violence taken possession of my money, books, and papers; but, denying their right to any control over me or mine, treated it with the consideration it merited from the source it sprung.

They are welcome to all the capital they can make of it, and when my accounts are adjusted by those who are not personally and masonically opposed to me, I shall cheerfully submit to their decision, and until then respectfully request of those who do not know me personally to suspend their opinion.

The heart sickens as memory turns to the 5th of June last, and gladly would I draw a veil over the scenes of that evening, if by so doing I could forever shut them from the light of day; but they have become matters of history, and I deem it my duty to refer to them.

I consider it my duty to apprise you of the fact of the existence of two clandestine bodies in the State of New York, claiming to be Grand Lodges, and the utmost caution should be used, particularly when visiting the City of New York, not only by Master Masons, but also by Royal Arch Masons of this or any other State. *First.* The party so long known as the St. John's Grand Lodge, or as it is better known by the title of the Atwood Concern. *Second.* An association claiming to have the organization of a Grand Lodge, headed by one who, I am sorry to say, I once claimed as a personal friend; one who is indebted to many of you now present for your suffrages in placing him

in a prominent position before the masonic world; one whom I warned of his danger by placing confidence in a small clique, formed for the express purpose of overthrowing the Grand Lodge, as is abundantly proved by original documents in my possession—*Isaac Phillips*. But as neither of these parties have ever been recognized by the Grand Lodge of any State, they stand as foul stains upon the body politic of the masonic family, to whom too much kindness has already been extended.

I refer to them for the purpose of calling your attention to a resolution of the General Grand Chapter, adopted in 1838, as follows:

“*Resolved*, That the General Grand Secretary be directed to communicate to the different Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction, the fact of the existence of a spurious Grand Lodge in the City of New York, and also the opinion of this General Grand Chapter, that there should be no masonic communication between them and any one connected with the spurious Lodge.”

When I offered the resolution I did in this Grand Chapter in February, 1848, I was of the impression the resolution of prohibition emanated from this Grand Chapter, and if so, we had a right to modify or repeal it, and was not aware of the existence of the above, and therefore decide the entertaining of the resolution was improper, and subsequent acts in reference to the same void, and the original resolution of General Grand Chapter in full force and binding on this Grand Chapter.

I would inform the Grand Chapter of the existence of a clandestine Chapter or Chapters in the City of New York, established by HENRY C. ATWOOD, the reported Grand Master of the ST. JOHN'S GRAND LODGE, under a Consistory Warrant, from the “Cernecrux Consistory” (itself an illegal body, which has had no existence since 1835), by which he not only confers all the degrees of the Chapter, but also the Order of Knighthood and the Consistory degrees.

He boasted of having been visited by a member of this Grand Chapter, and on subsequent inquiry I find it to be true; a stranger in the city, who was not aware of the existence of an illegal Chapter, visited them; but I am satisfied no blame should be attached to the Companion for so doing, as he expressed his regret at not making the necessary inquiry before entering.

ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, of the City of New York, has elected for their High Priest one who now stands expelled by the Grand Lodge, which, under the resolution of the General Grand Chapter, disqualifies him not only from office, but a seat in this Grand Chapter; and the only apology I can offer for not having promptly discharged my duty is the ignorance of the existence of the resolution just quoted from the General Grand Chapter, which was kindly furnished me by the Deputy General Grand High Priest, in January; having mistaken the resolution which I proposed to repeal as emanating from this Grand Chapter, instead of the General Grand Chapter. If there be a doubt in the minds of any as to which is the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, whose expulsions we are bound to respect by virtue of the resolution just referred to, I would recommend the appointment of a Committee on the general state of masonry in the State, to report during the session.

Since the last annual session I have granted one Dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter at Lansingburgh, which is returnable at the present

session, and I hope the Committee having the same in charge will recommend granting them a Warrant.

The petition for the revival of the Chapter at Sackett's Harbor, which was referred to me at the last annual session, I have since granted, and they informed me that they would be represented at this time.

Neither the old or amended Constitution makes any provision (as to terms) for the revival of a dormant Warrant. During the year I have had several inquiries respecting the revival of Chapter Warrants, and in one instance requested the Grand Secretary to make out the necessary papers for the revival of a Warrant at Cooperstown, returnable at the present time; but he informed me this could not be done without the payment of the fee required for a Dispensation. I have no doubt it was the intention of the framers of the Constitution to grant this power, and would recommend some action of the Grand Chapter, for the future government of your Grand Council or Grand High Priest.

The conferring of the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Chapters, which was referred to the Grand Council at the last annual session, I have taken much pains to inform myself respecting, and regret to differ with some of my associates on the subject. I made inquiry of the members of the Council in the City of New York, and find they date their formation as far back as 1807, by the Grand Consistory, and from them, or their Grand Council, have emanated all the Councils in this and many in other States, as will be seen from their report, which I now present to the Grand Chapter, together with a full statement of their progress to the present time, and a *protest* against this Grand Chapter conferring or authorizing the conferring of these degrees. As this Grand Chapter has no wish or desire to assume authority not conferred by the Constitution, I hope the Representative to the General Grand Chapter in September next may be instructed to obtain if possible some definite action by that body, respecting these degrees, and forever set at rest the right to confer them. At present they are conferred in some Chapters where a Companion Royal Arch Mason who has not received them cannot be admitted.

The permanent fund of the Grand Chapter remains unchanged. Authority was granted to the Trustees to change it from stocks to bonds and mortgages, and although this has not been done, I would recommend the continuance of the power to the Trustees to do so, as I am of the same opinion now as I then expressed.

HIRAM UNION CHAPTER, No. 53, at Canajoharie, lost their Warrant and records by fire in December last, and informed me they should apply at the present session for a new Warrant.

We have at this time thirty-two working Chapters, and ninety-nine dormant and surrendered Warrants on the books of the Grand Chapter. I would recommend that the Grand Secretary be required to demand the surrender of all Warrants from whom no report has been received for the past three years, and make a report on each one at the next annual session; and that this Grand Chapter place some limit to the revival of the same, with a view of re-numbering the Chapters, as well as having the custody of our own Warrants, that no improper use may be made of them, and in future require a more strict compliance with the Constitution, as we have abundant proof

that too much lenity is a positive injury. If presiding officers of Chapters *know* they have certain duties which *must* be performed towards the Grand Chapter, they, in turn, will require obedience from their members; whereas, if they are permitted to go on from year to year, and make no return or report of any kind, subordinate Chapters will be equally indifferent towards their members, and rather doubt the authority of this Grand Chapter to enforce compliance; but as the Grand Secretary is required to make this statement on the last day of the session by the present Constitution, I presume we shall have from him a full report.

Masonry throughout the State has never been in a more healthy condition, and it only requires caution to keep it so. The spirit of anti-masonry is fast dying away, and it ceases to be a term of reproach to belong to the order. Applications are numerous for the granting of new and revival of old Warrants in both the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and while I am individually opposed to the granting of all petitions, I shall be glad to see a judicious distribution of both Lodges and Chapters throughout the State. One great cause of the blight which is but just passing from the field of our labors, was the injudicious granting of both classes of Warrants, and I pray you take warning for the future by the effects of the past; not only scrutinize the masonic and moral character of applicants, but look to the location and material, as to the probable success of the undertaking, and if there be a doubt as to their success, throw that doubt in favor of the Grand Chapter, and recommend to the applicants time and patience, and my word for it, you will be acting the wisest part towards this Grand Chapter.

The General Grand Chapter of the United States will hold its triennial session in Boston, in September next, and as this Grand Chapter has passed some resolutions in reference to proposed amendments to the Constitution of that body, I call your attention to their meeting with a view of *instructing* your representative how to act, should it be your wish to do so.

On motion of Comp. LEWIS:

Resolved, That the address of the M.: E.: High Priest, just read, be published in the minutes; and that the several matters therein contained be referred as follows:

1. So much as relates to the difficulties in the Grand Lodge of this State to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. HUNGERFORD, RICHMOND, and HOFFMAN.
2. So much as relates to clandestine masonic bodies and expelled Masons, to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. ROUSSEAU, LEWIS, and HALL.
3. So much as relates to Dispensations for new Chapters and the revival of Warrants of dormant Chapters, as well as to the surrender of Warrants, to the Standing Committee on Warrants.
4. So much as relates to the Royal and Select Masters' degrees, to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. HATCH, O. DIBBLE, and BURRELL.
5. So much as relates to the permanent fund, to the Standing Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books.

6. So much as relates to the ensuing communication of the General Grand Chapter, and the matters connected therewith, to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. COLE, DAGGETT, and KELLY.

Comp. ROUSSEAU offered a series of resolutions on the subject of expelled Masons, which, having been read, were referred to the Select Committee of which Comp. ROUSSEAU is chairman.

The following Standing Committees were appointed :

On Charity—Comps. THATCHER, PERRY, and JENKINSON.

On the Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. BREWSTER, WEED, and HILL.

On Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, B. ENOS, and CUMMINGS.

On Grievances—Comps. FRENCH, BROWN, and O. H. DIBBLE.

On Foreign Correspondence—Comps. HOFFMAN, LEWIS, and SEYMOUR.

The M. E. Grand High Priest stated that he had received a letter, informing him that the M. E. Grand Chaplain was unable to attend the present meeting of the Grand Chapter, in consequence of serious illness, accompanied by his annual address, which he requested should be read by some proper person to be selected for that purpose.

A petition for a Warrant for a new Chapter at Whitehall; for reviving the Warrants of CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 50; of OTSEGO CHAPTER, No. 26; of FIDELITY CHAPTER, No. 77; of GREENE CHAPTER, No. 106; of MORNING STAR CHAPTER, No. 107; of BILLINGS CHAPTER, No. 54; and of OVID CHAPTER, No. 92, were severally read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Warrants.

A petition of WARREN CHAPTER, No. 22, for leave to hold meetings alternately at Bridgewater and Waterville, was read, and referred to the same Committee.

Several petitions for charity were read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Charity.

The Grand Secretary presented a statement of the items of receipts and disbursements of the Grand Chapter, at the last meeting, and in the subsequent vacation.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet again at three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Comp. LEWIS offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of making collections for, and preparing a history of freemasonry in the State of New York, and more especially of Royal Arch Masonry, including the biography of eminent Brethren of the craft in this State; and that they report thereon at the present communication of this Grand Chapter, and if approved by them, that they present a plan for carrying the enterprise immediately into effect.

Ordered, That Comps. LEWIS, COLE, and B. ENOS, be the said Committee.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution; which having been read, and the question having been put, the same were unanimously adopted.

The Constitution, as revised and amended, was then read, and thereupon,

Resolved unanimously, That the same be adopted; to take effect immediately at the close of the present annual meeting of this Grand Chapter.

The Standing Committee on Warrants reported in part, recommending that the proceedings of the Grand High Priest in granting a Dispensation for a Chapter to be holden at Lansingburgh, be approved, and that a Warrant be issued accordingly; and also, that the prayer of the petitioners for a Warrant for a Chapter to be held at Whitehall, be granted.

The report was accepted, thereupon,

Resolved, That a Warrant be granted to SAMUEL S. BINGHAM, H. P., DANIEL KING, K., SIDNEY D. SMITH, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Lansingburgh, in the County of Rensselaer, by the name of PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 133.

Resolved, That a Warrant be granted to EDWARD S. BASCOM, H. P., CYRUS BOARDMAN, K., JOHN H. BOYD, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Whitehall, in the County of Washington, by the name of CHAMPLAIN CHAPTER, No. 134.

The Royal Arch lecture was then given by Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and E. WADSWORTH, Grand Visitors.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter will proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned to open on the Mark degree at nine o'clock, and on the Royal Arch degree at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened on the Mark Master's degree in due form.

The Mark Master's lecture was then given by Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and EBENEZER WADSWORTH, Grand Visitors.

The Grand Chapter in the Mark Master's degree was then closed in due form, and proceeded to business on the Royal Arch degree.

The hour having arrived for proceeding to the election of officers, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the election of officers be postponed until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest as relates to clandestine masonic bodies and expelled Masons, and also the resolutions offered by Comp. ROUSSEAU, made the following report:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of New York:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest as relates to clandestine masonic bodies and expelled Masons, and to whom also were referred certain resolutions of the chairman of this Committee, respectfully report:

That they approach the discharge of the important duties entrusted to them with a full sense of their responsibility, and yet, with an entire freedom from those embarrassments which usually attend those who are executing the most trying duties of the fraternity. They do not propose to sit in judgment upon individuals, but simply to affirm general principles and to reiterate what they conceive to be the masonic law applicable to the subject.

Our institution is one which has a long established and well defined system of government. It is emphatically a government of law and order. It has two codes: its moral and its civil code. The former enters into the very heart and framework of its composition, forming a part of its constitutions, without which they would be a lifeless body. It governs and controls every member of the craft, from the Entered Apprentice up to the highest degree recognized as constitutional, and in every relation of life. The civil code varies according to the department to which it is applicable; for our government is divided into different departments, each independent in its sphere, and yet all de-

pendent upon the symbolical degrees from which all deduce their origin. Hence, very many, nay, most of the disputed questions in masonic jurisprudence are questions of jurisdiction. It is not every offence against the civil code which should be visited with the highest penalty; but there are many offences against that applicable to every department of masonry. Our codes have but two penalties, expulsion and suspension. They only vary in duration, not in effect; the subject of them being under the same disabilities while they are in force.

Another point to be observed is that although each department is independent within its sphere, yet each is bound to respect the action and to give full faith and credit to the doings and proceedings of another department, as much as one co-ordinate jurisdiction is bound to respect the acts of another, not only as a matter of courtesy, but of fixed law, whether growing from prescription or prerogative, or from positive enactment, it is not necessary to inquire. Amongst the powers of each jurisdiction is that of controlling and disciplining its own members, and hence when the exercise of that power affects the members of another department, this law of respect and credit to another department or jurisdiction is brought into positive and active exercise.

But expulsion or suspension by one body does not necessarily operate to produce the same effect in another body. Suspension or expulsion from a Chapter or Encampment, for example, does not so operate upon the members of a Blue Lodge, but the converse of that proposition is true. This we believe to be a settled rule, and its correctness may be argued for reasons obvious to every Companion.

A clandestine masonic body is one which works without that rightful authority known to the ancient landmarks; a clandestine Mason is a member of, or made in such body, or one who becomes such by his voluntary act. They are the usurpers of those rightful powers and privileges which belong to the regular members of the craft, and as such are to be discountenanced as much as all civil governments discountenance the freebooter by land or sea. The existence of every masonic jurisdiction is involved in the maintenance of this principle, and hence they are denounced in every grade of our institution as inimical to the well being of the craft.

The expelled Mason stands in a similar relation in effect, but not in principle. He is like the leper of the eastern world, cut off from the congregation of the faithful; the infection of his disease may poison those with whom he may come in contact.

A single point remains to be noticed which seems proper to be observed. A subordinate Lodge had the sole power of disciplining its own members by the ancient regulations; but a different principle has sprung up and grown into positive law, that a Grand Lodge should exercise this power when necessary for the maintenance of its rightful authority. This has been held by the Grand Lodge of this State, and was last exercised, as your Committee recollect, in 1849, Past Deputy Grand Master ISAAC PHILLIPS presiding. But that a Grand Lodge has that power over its own members, or can punish for acts of insubordination committed in its presence, is admitted by all, and grows out of the law of self-preservation. Contumacy is an offence against

the civil code, but as it aims at the subversion of all rightful authority, it should be visited with a punishment proportionate to its magnitude.

We have thus laid down these general propositions, as they lead us inevitably to right conclusions upon the whole subject matter referred to us. We conceive, in principle, that expulsion from the privileges of masonry by a Grand Lodge or subordinate Lodge of Master Masons cuts off the expelled member from masonic communication in his Chapter or Encampment. But we are not left to the common law of the craft in this point; it is a matter of positive enactment both by the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of this State—and we are left without alternative, standing upon that ground alone. Your Committee fully concur with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in the views taken by him in his address upon that point, but to prevent misapprehension growing out of past action, we propose to have it directly affirmed by this body.

For reasons which will suggest themselves, and which we doubt not all will approve, we have deemed it expedient not to report the resolutions referred to us, presented by the chairman of this Committee in the shape in which they were presented.

We present the conclusions to which we have arrived in the annexed resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. ROUSSEAU,
THOMAS S. HALL,
JOHN L. LEWIS, Jun.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter an expulsion or suspension from a Master Mason's Lodge or from a Grand Lodge operates, also to expel or suspend the subject of it from his membership in the Chapter; but that expulsion or suspension from a Chapter does not operate to expel or suspend the object of it from a Master Mason's Lodge.

Resolved, That all persons who have been expelled or suspended by any regular Lodge or Grand Lodge, of competent jurisdiction, from all the rights and privileges of masonry, should be forbidden to visit or sit in any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in this jurisdiction or in this Grand Chapter; and that it is the duty of Royal Arch Masons to abstain from all masonic communication with persons so expelled or suspended until they shall be duly restored to those rights and privileges.

Resolved, That all action of this Grand Chapter heretofore taken on this subject, inconsistent with the last preceding resolution, be and the same is hereby rescinded and repealed.

Resolved, That it be and is hereby ordered that the officers of this Grand Chapter, and of all the subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, strictly and rigidly enforce these resolutions against all those who they shall know by due trial or lawful information to be expelled or suspended Masons within the meaning of this report and these resolutions.

The report having been read, on motion it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

On motion of Comp. VAN HOUTEN:

Resolved, That the report and resolutions do lie on the table until three o'clock this afternoon.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's address as relates to the difficulties in the Grand Lodge of this State, made a report, which having been read,

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Comp. LEWIS on the subject of making collections for a History of Masonry in this State, made the following report:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of New York:

The Committee to whom was referred the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of making collections for, and preparing a History of Free Masonry in the State of New York, and more especially of Royal Arch Masonry, including the biography of eminent Brethren of the craft in this State; and that they report thereon at the present communication of this Grand Chapter, and that if approved by them, that they present a plan for carrying the enterprise immediately into effect;" having given the subject that consideration which its importance to this body and to the fraternity of the State demands, present their conclusions upon the subject of a Masonic History of this State in the following report:

They have come deliberately to the conclusion that the design is not only feasible and desirable, but is demanded by the highest considerations of regard for the honor and welfare of the masonic institution in the State of New York. Not only have some of the younger States of the Union taken action on the subject by the adoption of timely measures to preserve from decay and oblivion the history of the past, with its truthful lessons of experience and wisdom, and as a tribute to the memory of its venerated and illustrious dead; but it has also heretofore received some share of attention in this State, as the records of this body show. Hear the voice of one who has been known in these halls for nearly half a century, where he has been beloved and respected by his Companions for his untiring zeal and manly virtues:

"To dwell," he says, "on the recollection of those scenes which have transpired during the half century of our organization; to recount the honored names of distinguished men enrolled on the catalogue of Brethren; to review their individual virtues and enumerate their personal efforts in planting and fostering the institutions of Royal Arch Masonry while in their infancy, would furnish a theme full of interest, could we collect the several facts and place them as a living reality before the mind. What an array of talent and virtue

and piety would be thus grouped together! What fraternal regard for the common interest of the entire brotherhood would be seen to have characterized their lives! What devotion to the sound principles of ancient masonry, and what unabated attachment to the institution itself, lived in their hearts and actuated their conduct till the messenger of death released the spirit from its earthly abode."

"But from my own reminiscences, unaided by such documents as contain the records of their doings, it would be utterly impossible to do anything like justice to the true masonic character of our deceased Companions of the last fifty years. Could the facts, however, but in part be collected, and but a brief sketch of their lives as Masons be embodied, it would doubtless to us be a great satisfaction, and become a rich legacy to the craft in future time. But for want of sufficient information, this topic, so appropriate to the occasion, must be deferred."

We might safely rest the whole argument in favor of the proposition upon this extract from the annual address of our excellent and venerable Grand Chaplain, before this Grand Chapter at its semi-centennial meeting in 1847, were it not for the doubt expressed whether the materials could be obtained from which to erect this monument, not only to the craft, but as a tribute to "the venerable fathers who built the altar around which we bow with fraternal affection."

Your Committee have ventured to suggest a plan which, while it does not involve this body in expense, will at least save from the wreck of time what has been left of these mementos of the past. If the language of the aged speaker was true in 1847, it gathers strength with each succeeding year, and is still more applicable in 1850. If it be an act of almost filial piety to commence this work, let it not be delayed till the actors in the scenes which we seek to commemorate, have been, one by one, in the ordinary course of nature, gathered "dust to dust." Even since these words were spoken, three years since, more than one beloved Companion has gone to the "spirit land," and while we linger on this language of affectionate kindness, the painful reflection is forced upon our minds that perhaps we shall hear those mild and gentle accents of peace and good will, so characteristic of the speaker, no more forever. Shall these recollections of the olden time be buried in the sepulchre with them, or shall we weave a chaplet which shall bloom in renewed freshness and verdure above their tombs? Shall the memory of CLINTON, and WEBB, and AMES, and SANGER, and HANMER, and ELLIS, and a host of others alike worthy and like endeared to the brotherhood, have no place in the archives of the craft which they adorned by their virtues and dignified by their connection with it?

Your Committee think it most appropriate that this body should undertake the duty of writing such a history. Happily for its own peace and dignity it has been kept unharmed by those collisions and differences which are the almost inseparable attendants of a more numerous representative body. The history which it could and would write, would not be discolored by prejudice or passion, nor distorted into a chronicle of faction; it would be what all that deserves the name of history is, a faithful record of the past, casting its own luminous beams upon the present and future. History is not alone a barren

record of events, but of their causes; and causes cannot be developed without entering into the particulars of the lives, the "inner life," of the actors. Their characters give form and coloring to the deeds in which they participated.

Such a history would present with solemn eloquence the sublime truth that "peace hath her victories, greater than those of war." It would be unlike the history of long ages of our race, which it has been too truly said are but records of blood; for in spite of the slanders and aspersions of its enemies, whose fierce hatred has scarcely slept even beside the tombs of its illustrious dead, we can fearlessly and truthfully assert that not one crimson stain rests upon its escutcheon, or mars the pages of its annals. It would present the masonic institution to the fraternity and to the world in its true and rightful colors, as the conservator of the arts of peace; as the champion of progress and intellectual freedom; as the firm supporter of law and order in human governments; as the herald amongst mankind of liberty, equality, and fraternity; as the patron of industry, integrity, and sobriety; as the almoner of bounty to the distressed, the widow, and the fatherless, and as the bulwark of religious truth.

Speak we glowingly of these facts familiar to the masonic votary? Not so; for we do not aim to chronicle the merits and peaceful achievements of our fathers merely that we may cast a glow-worm light over their sepulchered dust; but we have a two-fold purpose. Their fame is our fame; their honored reputation is a part of our inheritance; and in return it would be a profitable matter for investigation for us, who seek to catch their spirit and imitate their example, to inquire how far their connection with our fraternity gave form and coloring to many of those noble institutions of the State, upon which many of them have set the stamp of their intellect and the impress of their genius. The masonic institution has been to such minds what maternal instruction has been to hosts of earth's mighty ones, the guiding spirit and early monitor, and, like one of the noblest attributes which it teaches, is twice blessed in giving and receiving benefaction.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to enter into a labored argument in favor of the plan suggested in the annexed resolutions. They have no such partiality for their views as to be unwilling to substitute them for others which may better accomplish the object in view, for they are but children of their adoption. Nor do they wish to confine those who execute the design to their mode of accomplishing it. They have dwelt much upon the propriety and importance of connecting biography with history, as infusing more life into the details of historic events, and as suggesting to the mind their causes from the motives of the actors in them. They base their reflections upon the obvious truth, that communities like nations are composed of individuals, living, moving, acting, thinking men, governed by human impulses and motives, and they cannot regard a nation, nor this great fraternity, as a huge inert mass of machinery, but moving as it is moved, acting as it is acted upon. The Committee have only expressed their own individual opinions; they do not ask their blind adoption unless they are consistent with the welfare of others.

But they think they do see a positive good to grow out of the adoption of one of the features of their plan. The design is to engage every Chapter

and every member of it, if possible, in the work; and not only will a rich fund of materials be thus collected, if their coöperation be secured, but their interest will be enlisted in the progress of it. That interest will not be arrested here. There will be furnished subjects for inquiry and discussion, and thus, instead of binding them to the mere study of our ritual, sublime and beautiful as it is in itself, they will be induced to look beyond for the hidden meaning of the instructions which it is designed to impart; and such examination and comparison of views may accomplish more towards producing a uniformity of work, by elucidating the reasons upon which a given mode of action is founded, than the most precise and elaborate instructions of learned lecturers.

* With this brief expression of their opinions and feelings, the Committee present the conclusions to which they have arrived. They repeat again, that they are not earnest for modes of action, if the action be bad. The world has floundered for untold years in search of truths, upon which all men were agreed, without arriving at them, because they have exhausted their strength and energies in combating or defending proposed modes of action. We do not wish to split upon that rock. But we wish an enduring memorial to be laid up in our Ark of the Covenant as a "legacy to the craft" in after times. We wish to trace it in all its stages, from its first small beginnings up to the period of its highest fame and glory, and especially to penetrate that dark cloud which, for a quarter of a century, obscured and dimmed its prospects, and see who did and who did not bow the knee to Baal, and where and by whom the fires were kept brightly burning upon our altars, and especially to bring to notice many a hidden shrine which the world knew not. We also wish by its means to be enabled to say at no distant period, with the builders of old, "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former." We wish to emulate the noble example of the craftsmen of Ohio and Indiana; and when the inquiry shall be propounded to us in the language of Holy Writ, "Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever?" We may answer to the first interrogatory that they live not alone in the remembrance of their sons, but in the imperishable records of their history; and to the latter, that knowing that man is but dust, we have caught the glowing sentences from their lips ere they trod the dark valley, and thus preserved them from oblivion, that engulfing abyss of so much that is mortal.

The views of the Committee may be more fully seen in the subjoined resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. LEWIS, Jun.,
J. O. COLE,
BENJAMIN ENOS.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter cordially approve of the design of making collections for and preparing a History of Free Masonry in the State of New York, and more especially of Royal Arch Masonry, including the biography of eminent and deserving Brethren of the craft in this State; that they regard the undertaking as feasible and proper, and should be immediately entered upon while so many of the intelligent and eminent fathers of the fraternity are yet spared to us, from whose stores of information so many important additions to our masonic history may be derived; and that they

believe the accomplishment of the enterprise will form a "rich legacy to the craft in future time"; be conducive to the advancement of the best interests of the fraternity, and serve as a beacon to guide the faithful and deserving Companions of coming years.

Resolved, That, for the purpose of aiding in its accomplishment, free access be given to the members of the Committee hereinafter constituted, to the records and archives of this Grand Chapter for such information as may be necessary for their work; and that it is recommended to subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction to afford the like access to their records and archives for the same purpose.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to take charge of the matter and make collections for and prepare the said History and Biography, to whom all communications and memoirs on the subject shall be addressed; and that it is recommended that each subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction appoint a qualified Companion, who shall together constitute a corresponding Committee for the State on this subject; and that all Companions in the State who may have materials in their possession or within their reach, be earnestly invited to make communications to and assist the Committee in their labors.

Resolved, That the said Committee of five report to this Grand Chapter such portions of the work as they shall have completed from time to time, and that they make their first report at the next annual communication of this body; but that no such report shall be made, and no part of said work, or any extracts therefrom, be taken or made public in any way, till it shall have received the sanction of the Grand Council; and that neither said work or any part of it shall be printed without the express authority of this Grand Chapter.

The report having been read, it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

Resolved, That the report and resolutions be adopted, and the same be published with the proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned till three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to consider the report of the Select Committee on so much of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest's address as relates to clandestine masonic bodies and expelled Masons.

The report having been read, debates were had thereon, and, on motion, the same was laid on the table.

The hour appointed for that purpose having arrived, the Grand Chaplain's address was read by Comp. LEWIS.

The Grand Chapter, on motion, again proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Select Committee on the subject of clandestine masonic bodies and expelled Masons.

Comp. MYERS moved that the further consideration of the same be postponed until the next annual meeting of this Grand Chapter.

The question having been put, it was determined in the negative.

The following Companions asked and obtained leave to have their names recorded as voting in favor of postponing: Comps. MYERS, THATCHER, VAN HOUTEN, SCHOLEY, SEWARD, E. WILLIAMS, FINCH, B. ENOS, JENKINSON, and DOBBS.

The question was then put upon each resolution separately, and on each was carried in the affirmative.

Thereupon,

Resolved, That the report and resolutions be adopted.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet again at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Select Committee on so much of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest's address as relates to the difficulties in the Grand Lodge of this State.

On motion of Comp. HATCH :

Resolved, That the said report be recommitted to the same Committee, with instructions to report with all convenient speed.

Comp. HOFFMAN, from the same Committee, reported the same, after striking out the second resolution, which was again read, as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand High Priest's address as relates to the difficulties in the Grand Lodge of this State have had the same under consideration ; and from the facts which have come to their knowledge—being, in part, the decided action of fifteen of the Grand Lodges of the United States, which have had the subject under consideration, and from the evidence before them—have clearly and distinctly sustained the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, of which M.: W.: JOHN D. WILLARD is Grand Master, and ROBERT R. BOYD is Grand Secretary : and as the General Grand Chapter passed a resolution, in 1838, forbidding all Royal Arch Masons from associating with the members or associates of the spurious Grand Lodge of the State of New York, which resolution is now in full force,

and binding on this Grand Chapter and all others who admit the authority of that general grand body; and the Deputy General Grand High Priest having decided "the same prohibition will so surely apply to the *new* spurious Grand Lodge, as well as all subordinate Lodges under their authority," your Committee would respectfully offer the following resolution for the consideration of this Grand Chapter:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter does recognize the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of the State of New York, over which the M.: W.: JOHN D. WILLARD is the Grand Master, and ROBERT R. BOYD is the Grand Secretary, and no other in this State.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. HUNGERFORD,
L. G. HOFFMAN,
C. K. RICHMOND.

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

Comp. MYERS moved that the same be postponed until the next annual meeting of the Grand Chapter.

The hour appointed by the Grand Chapter for the election of officers having arrived, the M.: E.: Grand High Priest proceeded to call the Grand Chapter to execute that order.

Whereupon, on motion

Resolved, That the same be postponed until the pending business be disposed of.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the further consideration of the said report of the Select Committee, and the motion to postpone the same being under consideration, on motion,

Ordered, That the question be taken by ayes and noes.

The question having been put, it was determined in the negative, as follows:

For the Negative—Comps. BOYD, DIBBLE, FRENCH, GILBERT, B. ENOS, BARNUM, J. ENOS, HOFFMAN, and WADSWORTH, and the following Chapters, three votes each, viz: HUDSON, WARREN, WARREN, JOHN THE BAPTIST, DAVID'S, WESTERN STAR, GENEVA, ELMIRA, APOLLO, ONEIDA, WATERTOWN, HAMILTON, AURORA, SACKETT'S HARBOR, SYRACUSE, BUFFALO, AMES, DANSVILLE, PENN YAN, STEUBEN, ST. JOHN'S, NEWARK, ST. LAWRENCE, PHENIX (Lansingburgh),—81.

For the Affirmative—Comp. MYERS, and the following Chapters, three votes each, viz: ANCIENT, PHENIX (N. Y.), HIRAM, TEMPLE, OGDENSBURGH, NASSAU,—19.

The question having then been put on the adoption of the

report and resolution, and the yeas and nays being called for, it was determined in the affirmative, as follows:

For the Affirmative—Comps. BOYD, DIBBLE, FRENCH, GILBERT, B. ENOS, BARNUM, J. ENOS, HOFFMAN, WADSWORTH, and the following Chapters, three votes each, viz: PHOENIX (N.Y.), HUDSON, WARREN, 22, WARREN, 23, JOHN THE BAPTIST, DAVID'S, WESTERN STAR, GENEVA, ELMIRA, APOLLO, HIRAM UNION. ONEIDA, WATERTOWN, HAMILTON, OGDENSBURGH, AURORA, SACKETT'S HARBOR, SYRACUSE, BUFFALO, AMES, DANVILLE, PENN YAN, STEUBEN, ST. JOHN'S, NEWARK, ST. LAWRENCE, PHOENIX (Lansingburgh),—90.

For the Negative—Comp. MYERS, and the following Chapters, three votes each, viz: ANCIENT, HIRAM, TEMPLE, NASSAU,—13.

So the report and resolution were adopted.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned until half-past three o'clock this afternoon.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

Comp. VAN HOUTEN presented a protest, respectfully requesting the same to be entered on the minutes. The protest having been read,

Ordered, That the same be entered on the minutes.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York:

The undersigned respectfully represent to the Grand Chapter, in relation to the report and resolution before this body, and the action of the Grand Chapter thereon, that they are called upon to protest, and do hereby solemnly protest against the action of the Grand Chapter upon said report and resolution, for the following reasons:

First. That the action of the Grand Chapter in the said matter is precipitate and, of necessity, without sufficient proof introduced into this Grand Chapter or before said Committee, upon which the said report and resolution can be predicated; unless the Grand Chapter and the Committee consider what has been done by individuals out of this Grand Chapter, and in associations entirely independent and distinct from this Grand Chapter, be relied upon as sufficient.

Secondly. That no proofs have been taken by this Grand Chapter to justify the report and resolution.

Thirdly. That inasmuch as the matters in controversy between the two grand bodies claiming to be the Grand Lodge of this State is now brought before and is in the possession of the legal tribunals of this State for investigation and adjudication, the proposed action in this Grand Chapter at the

present time is calculated to prejudice the rights of the contending parties, to have the merits prejudged and in the end to invite a denial of a calm, unprejudiced and unbiased decision of the right by the courts of law.

And we further protest against the action aforesaid, for the reason that the same must of necessity bring into this Grand Chapter contentions and strifes which are now confined to other and independent associations, and to delay if not wholly prevent any settlement or compromises of the difficulties among those to whom and to whose associations it now is confined.

P. S. VAN HOUTEN,
High Priest of Ancient Chapter, No. 1,
 JAMES JENKINSON,
High Priest of Temple Chapter No. 5,
 THOMAS H. DOBBS,
Scribe of Temple Chapter, No. 5,
 GEORGE FINCH,
King and Representative of Hiram Chapter, No. 4,
 GEO. L. THATCHER,
Past High Priest and Representative of Nassau Royal Arch Chapter, No. 109,
 CHARLES SCHOLEY,
High Priest of Phoenix Chapter, No. 2,
 M. MYERS,
Past Grand High Priest.

Albany, February 6th, 1850.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following officers were duly elected:

M. E. ROBERT R. BOYD, New York,	Grand High Priest.
ORVILLE HUNGERFORD, Watertown,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
JOHN L. LEWIS, Jun., Penn Yan,	Grand King.
JAMES S. FRENCH, Elmira,	Grand Scribe.
JOHN O. COLE, Albany,	Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM SEYMOUR, Albany,	Grand Treasurer.
Rev. SALEM TOWN, Aurora,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JESSE P. MITCHELL, Albany,	Grand Marshal.

Comp. JOHN PIERCE, of Albany, was appointed Grand Sentinel.

On motion of Comp. EDWARDS:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are hereby tendered to our M. E. Grand Chaplain, Comp. SALEM TOWN, for the able and interesting address which, in consequence of his illness, he has caused to be transmitted to this Grand Chapter, and which has been read by Comp. LEWIS; and that a copy of the same be published with the minutes of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter has learned, with feelings of sorrow and

regret, the serious illness of our venerable and beloved Grand Chaplain, which has deprived us of the pleasure and satisfaction his presence and words of counsel and advice would have given us.

Resolved, That as a body we deeply sympathize with our M. E. Companion in his illness, and express our sincere and earnest prayer for his speedy convalescence, and that his life and usefulness may yet long be spared to the world and the craft, to whom he has rendered so many and distinguished services.

The Standing Committee on Charity made a report recommending donations to the amount of \$200.00.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and adopted.

Resolved, That the dues of PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, for the year ending February 1, 1847, be and the same are hereby remitted.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned till half-past seven o'clock this evening.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Standing Committee on Warrants, to whom was referred the several applications for the revival of Chapters, made a report recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That WARREN CHAPTER, No. 22, now held at Bridgewater, in the County of Oneida, be and the same is hereby authorized to hold their meetings alternately at Bridgewater and at Waterville, in said county, agreeably to the prayer of the petition on that subject.

Resolved, That a new Warrant be issued to HIRAM UNION CHAPTER, No. 53, held at Canajoharie, in the County of Montgomery, the original Warrant having been destroyed by fire.

Resolved, That CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 50, formerly held at Eaton, in the County of Madison, be revived; that the dues of the said Chapter be remitted; that DANIEL BARKER, be High Priest, JEREMIAH WILBER, King, and DANIEL YOUNGLOVE, Scribe; and that the following Companions, being the petitioners, be the only members thereof on the revival of said Chapter, viz: DANIEL BARKER, JEREMIAH WILBER, DANIEL YOUNGLOVE, STEPHEN CARMAN, THOMAS C. NYE, ELLIS MORSE, THOMAS H. GREENLEY, CALVIN MORSE, and ENOS WOOD; and further, that a new Warrant be issued, the original Warrant having been destroyed by fire, authorizing the said Chapter to be held at Hamilton, in the County of Madison.

Resolved, That OTSEGO CHAPTER, No. 26, at Cooperstown, in the County of Otsego, be revived; that the dues of the said Chapter be remitted; and that JAMES HYDE, SETH DOUBLEDAY, ARIEL THAYER, E. B. CRANDAL, CHARLES

THURSTON, HENRY FISH, HENRY P. METCALF, LEVI H. PIERCE, and WILLIAM NICHOLS, being the petitioners for the revival of said Chapter, be the members thereof; and that they are hereby authorized to assemble and hold an election for the present year.

Resolved, That FIDELITY CHAPTER, No. 77, held at Trumansburgh, Tompkins County, be revived, and the dues of the said Chapter be remitted; that NICOLL HALSEY be High Priest, HENRY TAYLOR, King, and LYMAN STROBRIDGE, Scribe, of said Chapter; and that a new Warrant be issued, the original Warrant having been destroyed by fire.

Resolved, That GREENE CHAPTER, No. 106, held at Greene, in the County of Chenango, be revived; that the dues of said Chapter be remitted; that AUGUSTUS WILLARD be High Priest, ROBERT MONELL, King, and WARREN GRAY, Scribe; and that the following Companions, being the petitioners, be the only members thereof on the revival of said Chapter, viz: AUGUSTUS WILLARD, WILLIAM D. PURPLE, JOHN S. AVERY, WARREN GRAY, ROBERT MONELL, R. W. JULIAND, GEORGE L. RIDER, LEVI FARR, and CHAUNCEY BROWN.

Resolved, That MORNING STAR CHAPTER, No. 107, held at Avon, Livingston County, be revived; and that the dues of the said Chapter be remitted; that JOHN NEWBURY be High Priest, ALANSON BROWN, King, and MATTHEW OGDEN, Scribe; and that the said Chapter be hereafter held at Lima, in the County of Livingston.

Resolved, That OVID CHAPTER, No. 92, at Ovid, in the County of Seneca, be revived; that the dues of the said Chapter be remitted; and that PETER HIMROD be High Priest, JOHN DE MOTT, King, and ARAD JOY, Scribe; and that the following Companions, being the petitioners, be the only members thereof on the revival of said Chapter, viz: PETER HIMROD, JOHN DE MOTT, ARAD JOY, JOHN VAN HORNE, WILLIAM BOOTH, JOHN KINNEY, F. C. WILLIAMS, H. C. TRACY, P. H. FLOOD, and WILLIAM FISH.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners for the revival of BILLINGS CHAPTER, No. 54.

The report having been read,

Resolved, That the report be accepted, and the several resolutions adopted.

On motion:

Resolved, That hereafter no Chapter be revived without the payment of the fee as for a new Warrant; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to call in all Warrants where dues have not been paid within five years.

Comp. HATCH offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas, By a printed statement put forth by the clandestine body of Masons in the city of New York, styling themselves a Grand Lodge—which purports to be based upon an examination, by a Committee of that clandes-

tine body, of the books and records of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and papers found in the Grand Secretary's office, which are now in the possession of that clandestine body—ROBERT R. BOYD, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, is accused of being a defaulter to the Grand Lodge of this State, by the retention of moneys received by him as such Grand Secretary, to the amount of \$954.89, and which, it is alleged, have not been accounted for or credited to the Grand Lodge on its books by him; and

Whereas, While we disregard the authority of that body, as a body claiming to be masonic, and do not recognize its reported expulsion of said Comp. R. R. BOYD as regular or masonic, the charge, from whatever source it emanates, is one calculated, and no doubt designed, to reflect discredit on that individual and upon those masonically connected with him; therefore,

Resolved, That it be referred to a Special Committee of five members of this Grand Chapter to investigate the said alleged defalcation, and to invite from those making it the fullest scrutiny and examination of said records, books, and papers, in the presence of said Companion, and with adequate time for examination, and explanation of the accounts by him, and report to this Grand Chapter at its next annual session, or at such earlier date as may be designated by the Grand High Priest for that purpose, whether there is any foundation for said charge.

Ordered, That Comps. JOSEPH ENOS, OSCAR COLES, SCHOLEY, DUGAN, and KELLY, be the said Committee.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the Grand High Priest as relates to the degrees of Royal and Select Master, made a report, which was read and laid upon the table.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned to meet again at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Select Committee on the subject of the degrees of Royal and Select Master, of which Comp. HATCH is chairman.

The report and resolutions offered by the Committee having been again read, debates were had thereon, when Comp. WEED offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter, recognizing no degrees in masonry except Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch, decline the usurpation of jurisdiction over any other.

The said report and resolutions being still under consideration, Comp. HATCH, by leave, withdrew the second resolution offered by the said Committee; and the question having been put on the two remaining resolutions, they were adopted.

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report and resolutions be entered on the minutes.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred "so much of the address of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest as relates to the ensuing communication of the General Grand Chapter, and the matters connected therewith," reported:

That two subjects are alluded to as having some interest at the present time, viz: the provision of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter requiring a uniform price for granting Warrants by all bodies under its jurisdiction, and the subject of conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Chapters of Royal Arch Masons.

In regard to the first, your Committee are of opinion that there is a manifest propriety that the sum to be paid for a Warrant should be uniform throughout the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. They would also express an opinion that the sum required to be paid by the General Grand Chapter is not too large. They therefore think no instructions are necessary from this Grand Chapter to their Representatives in the General Grand Chapter on that subject.

The other matter, viz: the conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master is exciting so much attention in different parts of this country that it seems desirable that it should be settled by the General Grand Chapter; they therefore recommend that the Representatives of this Grand Chapter be instructed to bring the subject before that grand body, for the purpose of having definite action on the same. They therefore recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. COLE,
JOHN DAGGETT,
LUTHER KELLY.

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Chapter in the General Grand Chapter be instructed to bring the subject of conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Royal Arch Chapters to the notice of that body, to the end that the same may be finally and authoritatively determined.

Resolved, That the report be accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter reported:

That there was in treasury, at the commencement of the	
last session,	\$741 15
Received for dues at the last session,	501 83
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	\$1,242 48

Expended at the last session,	\$1,064 69
Leaving,	177 79
Add the sum loaned,	\$950 00
Interest on the same,	66 50
	<hr/> 1,016 50
	1,194 29
Of this sum there was loaned, at 7 per cent.,	<hr/> 1,150 00
	44 29
Add dues received from St. Lawrence Chapter, under dispensation,	13 62
	<hr/> 57 91
The Grand Secretary has since received :	
For dividends of City Bank,	\$264 00
“ Bank of Albany,	24 00
For Dispensation of Phoenix Chapter,	90 00
	<hr/> 378 00
The funds of the Grand Chapter consist of:	
The above balance in the hands of the Treasurer, . . .	57 91
The sum received by Grand Secretary,	378 00
Loan, as above stated,	1,150 00
Loan to G. W. Ryckman, and interest,	6,420 00
Stock of the Albany City Bank,	3,300 00
Stock in the Bank of Albany,	300 00
	<hr/> \$11,605 91
Total,	

The Grand Chapter proceeded to appoint the Select Committee of five directed to be appointed by the resolutions adopted on the subject of preparing a history of freemasonry in the State of New York ; whereupon,

Ordered, That Comps. JOHN L. LEWIS, Jun., SALEM TOWN, LEWIS G. HOFFMAN, JOHN O. COLE, and GILES F. YATES, be said Committee.

The Standing Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books reported that they had examined the same and found them correct.

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, as amended and ratified at the present session, be published under the direction of the Grand Secretary, and that the names of the officers of this Grand Chapter, from its institution to the present time, be appended to the same, together with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter at its present session be printed.

Comp. JENKINSON offered a preamble and resolutions suspending the operation of the resolutions adopted at the present session, on the subject of expelled Masons, for one year.

The question being taken on the same, it was determined in the negative.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave most respectfully to report:

That since the last annual session there has been received by this Grand Chapter the following printed proceedings from sister grand bodies:

Vermont, Maine, Georgia, Virginia, Missouri, Mississippi, Indiana, Kentucky, Connecticut, and Florida.

Your Committee regret that so few proceedings have been received by this Grand Chapter; but from those before them they find much of interest to the craft at large, and as time will not permit that examination their importance demands, we can only give them a hasty glance.

VERMONT.

It affords us much pleasure to welcome back to the field of their former labors this Grand Chapter. Like ourselves, they have passed through many trying scenes; but by living true to themselves, and having their foes only *without*, they have again taken their stand, unfurled their banner, buckled on their armor, and we bid them welcome. It will afford us great pleasure to continue friendly relations with them. They start with but three Chapters, but they have spirits to direct, and we have no doubt that time will show that what is lacked in *numbers* will be made up in exertion.

FLORIDA.

In this Grand Chapter we find the subject of the Royal and Select Masters degrees the theme of a spirited controversy, and embraces a great part of their proceedings.

MISSISSIPPI.

This Grand Chapter appears to be in a flourishing condition. They have fourteen Chapters under their jurisdiction. We find a request to the Grand Chapter to approve of a by-law proposed in one of the Chapters, to authorize them to punish "Companions guilty of acts of wanton profanity," under the head of unmasonic conduct. Your Committee approve of this, and hope the Grand Chapter will not only approve, but request a similar movement by all the Chapters under their jurisdiction. Profanity, in our opinion, is at all times unbecoming, and doubly so from *Masons*, who profess a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, and who also profess to regard the behests of Holy Writ as the rule and guide of their faith and conduct.

The Mississippi Committee on Foreign Correspondence reads the Grand Chapter of Virginia, which is not under the General Grand Chapter, a gentle lecture for some real or imaginary strictures on their work, and say, "there has been no communication of this Grand Chapter without an exhibition of the work, or lectures on the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh degrees.

VIRGINIA.

The doings of this Grand Chapter are always interesting and as a link of the "Old Dominion," as a balance wheel, as the order is there in the hands of the first men in the State; they take up the Grand Chapter of New York, and we think misquote us in reference to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. The Companion who was refused admittance was subsequently admitted, and the person who refused was of the impression it was a regulation of the General Grand Chapter not to admit any one who did not acknowledge the authority of that general grand body, and corrected the error the moment he found it was an error. We plead guilty to many errors, but we regret that any should be laid to our charge which do not belong to us. The Grand Chapter of Virginia does not appear pleased with the existence of the General Grand Chapter, but as they are not under its jurisdiction we do not know why they should wish others to withdraw, or presume that that body would release either of the Grand Chapters on assigning a satisfactory reason for so doing.

INDIANA.

This Grand Chapter is in a very flourishing condition; we find in this, as well as many other States, their Grand Visitors are required to make a written report of their doings and the state of the order. Your Committee hold this to be a wholesome regulation, and one that might be productive of much good, as no one can give so good an account of the position and doings of subordinate bodies as he who works with them, and for the time being is one of their number. Many of the Southern and Western Chapters are outnumbering those of the older States, and rearing monuments that will stand long after those now active in the field of masonry will have passed away. We find with the proceedings of this Grand Chapter a beautiful address by the Grand Master, Bro. E. DEMING, at the laying of the corner stone of a Grand Lodge Hall, at Indianapolis.

CONNECTICUT.

We agree so fully with their Committee on Foreign Correspondence in the sentiment expressed in the following quotations, "And here permit us to say the publication of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, which is of recent date, *has been productive of great benefit*," that we hope it may be more universally adopted. We think the wider range we give to all matters of interest to the craft at large, and the more general we extend our printed proceedings, the closer will be the bond of union between us. Let each Grand Chapter make *common cause* of all abuses or irregularities that may occur in any masonic body, and the sooner will the evil be corrected. For a gross violation of masonic faith is an injury inflicted on the craft at large, and they should not hesitate to express and in decided terms, their disapprobation, for

a thing *published* ceases to be a secret, and the masonic public should not hesitate to condemn an unmasonic act.

KENTUCKY.

The report of their Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a well written article, though rather *spicy* in reference to the General Grand Chapter, and implies the wish that it may be abolished. We hope friend SWIGERT will not take us to task for expressing a wish to the contrary, for we not only desire its continuance, but hope to see a General Grand Lodge, believing as we do there should be an appellate head to all masonic bodies, for the adjustment of masonic difficulties properly brought before them; the necessity for which is abundantly proved by reference to the State of Louisiana or our own. They are in a flourishing condition, having eight Chapters under dispensation. They have a Grand Encampment and Grand Council. All the masonic documents we have seen emanating from Kentucky have been prepared with marked ability.

MAINE.

We see with pleasure in this Grand Chapter much system in conducting their business, and close attention is paid to the doings of their subordinate Chapters; their reports are able, and we read with pleasure and profit the report of Comp. BRADFORD on foreign correspondence. He gives a history of Royal Arch Masonry in Louisiana, which we had not before seen, with much valuable information.

Your Committee have thus briefly reported on a few of the proceedings placed in their hands, and regret that want of time will not permit our going more fully into the subject of many of them, and compare with the proceedings of other Grand Chapters; but to make a report that would be of interest to this Grand Chapter, requires time, care, attention, and much thought; but in our examination we have found much to encourage us in the good work, as the march is decidedly *onward*.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. G. HOFFMAN,
R. R. BOYD,
W. SEYMOUR,
Committee.

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

On motion of Comp. HATCH:

Resolved, That the M.: E.: Grand High Priest be requested to appoint the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the ensuing year, and that they be requested to make their report at the commencement of the next session.

Thereupon the M.: E.: Grand High Priest appointed Comps. HOFFMAN, LEWIS, and SEYMOUR, a Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to M.: E.: Comp. WILLIAM BREWSTER, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, and ORSAMUS DIBBLE, Past Grand King, for the able and faithful manner in which they have respectively discharged the duties of their offices.

The Grand Council announced that they had appointed Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and EBENEZER WADSWORTH Grand Visitors for the ensuing year.

The Grand Secretary reported that every Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, now active, has made returns and paid up their dues; and that all are represented at the present session, except one.

Then the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIVED.

Received for dues,	\$861 28
“ “ Dispensation to Phoenix Chapter, No. 133,	90 00
“ “ Warrant of Champlain Chapter, No. 134,	90 00
“ from Cyrus Chapter, \$5.00; Fidelity Chapter, \$5.00,	10 00
“ for Bank dividends,	288 00
Deficit,	877 08
Total,	<u>\$1,716 36</u>

EXPENDED.

For pay of members,	\$867 13
R. R. Boyd, G. H. P.,	29 32
William Brewster, P. D. G. H. P.,	36 00
J. S. French, G. S.,	37 32
A. J. Rousseau, P. G. H. P.,	6 00
Orsamus Dibble, P. G. K.,	32 00
Joseph Enos, P. G. K.,	44 70
Ebenezer Wadsworth, P. G. S.,	8 00
M. Myers, P. G. H. P.,	8 00
Elisha Gilbert, P. G. H. P.,	12 00
Benjamin Enos, P. G. H. P.,	26 00
E. S. Barnum, P. G. H. P.,	20 79
Lewis G. Hoffman, P. G. K.,	8 00
Rev. Salem Town, Grand Chaplain, per resolution,	50 00
Carried forward,	<u>\$1,185 26</u>

Brought forward,	\$1,185 26
T. S. Hall, per resolution,	8 00
O. Hungerford, P. G. K.,	81 00
John O. Cole, Grand Secretary, salary,	125 00
W. Seymour, Grand Treasurer, "	50 00
Jesse P. Mitchell, Grand Marshal,	18 00
John Pierce, Grand Sentinel,	27 88
C. Van Benthuyzen, for printing,	46 73
For use of Masonic Hall,	25 00
For charity,	200 00
Total,	<u>\$1,716 36</u>

CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER.

No.	CHAPTER.	TOWN.	COUNTY.	HIGH PRIEST.	KING.	SCRIBE.
1	Ancient,	New York,	New York,	Philip S. Van Houten,	N. Roberts,	J. B. Willis.
2	Phoenix,	New York,	New York,	Charles Scholey,	Thos. Collyer,	George Cook.
4	Hiram,	Eaton, N. J.	Albany,	John P. Lewis,	George Finch,	Jacob W. Morris.
5	Temple,	Hudson,	Albany,	James Jenkinson,	Thomas H. Dobbs,	William Gray.
6	Hudson,	New York,	Columbia,	James Batchelor,	Ichabod Rogers,	John Hamlin.
8	Jerusalem,	New York,	New York,	R. Pennell,	J. W. Powell,	George H. Andrews.
22	Warren,	Bridgewater,	Oncida,	Oliver Harris,	William Montgomery,	Thomas Corvis.
23	Warren,	Ballston Spa,	Saratoga,	Harvey N. Hill,	Abel Meeker,	A. T. Davis.
30	John the Baptist,	Moravia,	Cayuga,	William Wade,	J. H. Wood,	George Hart.
34	David's,	Auburn,	Cayuga,	Harvey Willson,	Samuel Graves,	Warren Cronk.
35	Western Star,	Le Roy,	Genesee,	Thomas C. Ladd,	Calvin Holbrook,	Azor Curtis.
36	Geneva,	Geneva,	Ontario,	Luther Kelly,	Samuel M. Morrison,	E. Dakin.
42	Elmira,	Elmira,	Chemung,	Jotham Purdy,	Wm. M. Gregg,	Garret Van Vost.
46	North East,	North East,	Dutchess,	No return.	J. D. Willard,	Ezra J. Higgins.
48	Apollo,	Troy,	Rensselaer,	John S. Perry,	George Bauder,	G. G. Johnson.
53	Hiram Union,	Canajoharie,	Montgomery,	Pythagoras Wetmore,	Ira Chase,	Jarvis M. Hatch.
57	Oneida,	Utica,	Oneida,	Philemon Lyon,	P. Mundy,	Charles K. Loomis.
59	Watertown,	Watertown,	Jefferson,	O. Hungerford,	Robert King,	Cornelius G. Palmer.
62	Hamilton,	Rochester,	Monroe,	Charles G. Cummings,	George Guest,	Mason G. Sherman.
63	Ogdensburg,	Ogdensburg,	St. Lawrence,	Sylvester Gilbert,	Charles H. Richmond,	Joseph R. Smith.
64	Aurora,	Aurora,	Cayuga,	Minard V. Babcock,	J. Phelps,	Samuel Whitley.
68	Sackett's Harbor,	Sackett's Harbor,	Jefferson,	Thomas S. Hall,	George N. Williams,	John M. Clark.
70	Syracuse,	Syracuse,	Onondaga,	Benjamin French,	G. W. Allen,	James Wentz.
71	Buffalo,	Buffalo,	Erie,	Orange H. Dibble,	H. W. Campbell,	Myron L. Burwell.
88	Ames,	Lockport,	Niagara,	Asher Torrence,	J. T. Beach,	George Morrison.
91	Dansville,	Dansville,	Livingston,	Merritt Brown,	Davidson Moshier,	Henry P. Startwell.
100	Penn Yan,	Penn Yan,	Yates,	John L. Lewis, Jun.,	Thomas Bennet,	Elisha G. Stephens.
101	Steuben,	Hornellsville,	Steuben,	John R. Stephens,	D. Wing,	Henry Peacock.
103	St. John's,	Greenfield,	Saratoga,	John S. Weed,	William J. Hough,	Jarius French.
105	Cazenovia,	Cazenovia,	Madison,	Enos Cushing,		

CHAPTERS—Continued.

No.	CHAPTER.	TOWN.	COUNTY.	HIGH PRIEST.	KING.	SCRIBE.
109	Nassau,.....	Brooklyn,.....	Kings,.....	Andrew Demarest,	J. A. Fricke,	Henry J. Willett.
117	Newark,.....	Newark,.....	Wayne,.....	John Daggett,	V. G. Barney,	Moses B. Whitmore.
131	Rising Sun,.....	Saratoga Springs,	Saratoga,.....	J. M. Wheeler,	Daniel D. Benedict,	Richard L. Allen.
132	St. Lawrence,.....	Canton,.....	St. Lawrence	Daniel Mack,	H. Smith,	Israel Tupper.
NEW CHAPTERS						
133	Phoenix,.....	Lansingburgh,...	Rensselaer,...	Samuel S. Bingham,	Daniel King,	Sidney D. Smith.
134	Champlain,.....	Whitehall,.....	Clinton,.....	Edward S. Bascom,	Cyrus Boardman,	John H. Boyd,
CHAPTERS REVIVED						
26	Osego,.....	Cooperstown,...	Osego,.....	Edward B. Crandal,	Ariel Thayer,	Henry Fish.
50	Cyrus,.....	Hamilton,.....	Madison,...	Daniel Barker,	J. Wilber,	David Younglove.
77	Fidelity,.....	Trumansburgh,	Tompkins,...	Nicoll Halsey,	H. Taylor,	Lyman Strowbridge.
92	Ovid,.....	Ovid,.....	Seneca,.....	Peter Himrod,	John De Mott,	Arad Joy.
104	Greene,.....	Greene,.....	Chenango,...	Augustus Willard,	R. Monell,	Warren Gray.
107	Morning Star,.....	Lima,.....	Livingston,...	John Newbury,	Alanson Brown,	Matthew Ogden.

ADDRESS
OF
THE REV. SALEM TOWN, G. C.

Most Excellent Grand Council, Companions, and Brethren :

A kind Providence has watched over us another year. Within these consecrated walls we are again assembled as the Grand Chapter of the State. Unfeigned gratitude is due to the great High Priest of our salvation for past mercies, and devout invocations are demanded for the bestowment of future blessings.

We meet as Representatives of Chapters to transact business for the common welfare of this branch of the fraternity. Hitherto, we trust, this grand body has been imbued with the spirit of sound wisdom, in devising the best means to secure the best end. We have abundant reason to believe that her deliberations have been guided to such results as met divine approval, and to some extent, at least, were accompanied with salutary influences on the household of our companionship. Harmony of feeling, and unity of action has very uniformly characterized our final decisions. Honest differences of opinion have never, as yet, marred fraternal affection. Whatever the majority deemed expedient, all others cheerfully acquiesced in. Such unanimity is a practical exemplification of the true and genuine spirit of masonry.

For a long series of years have the annual conventions of this Grand Chapter been rendered truly memorable by that harmony which has ruled her councils. With some few exceptions, while absent from the State, it has been my happiness to be a member of this body forty-five years ; and there are two venerable Companions now present, the only living witnesses for the early part of those by-gone days, who can bear me out, in full confirmation, that brotherly love was, ordinarily, the ruling spirit in the bosom of every member. For the past few years many Companions now before me have participated largely in that feast of soul derived from mutual congratulations, and felt that commingling vitality of fraternal affection which cannot easily be forgotten. Herein is the pure, perennial fountain whence the never failing streams of social happiness flow. Within these walls may peace forever reign, and fraternal affection gain new strength with every returning anniversary.

In calling to mind the multiplied tokens of divine favor, we ought not to pass slightly over our own preservation from that appalling scourge which, during the past year, swept through the land. It is, also, matter of unfeigned gratitude that so few of our Companions have been stricken down by the hand of death since last we met. Each year thus adds to the long catalogue of blessings already received, and imposes new obligations of gratitude to the author of our being and the preserver of our lives. One beloved Companion, however, with whom we have taken sweet counsel, and who has long been a faithful laborer in our common vineyard, has been called from his earthly toils, to engage, as we devoutly hope, in the sublime service of that celestial temple where the great High Priest of our salvation presides. The memory

of Comp. CARRIQUE will be embalmed in the affections of every Brother who knew his virtues, and had so often felt the warm pulsations of his heart in the fraternal grasp of his hand. With the details of his history I am unacquainted. He was exalted, I should think, some forty years ago in LA FAYETTE CHAPTER, over which your speaker then presided. Since that time I have known him only as a Mason. On this floor and in the Grand Lodge room we have often interchanged the kindest salutations. Of the Grand Lodge he was Senior Grand Warden at the time of his death. His character as a Mason stood high; his intercourse was frank, open-hearted and free; his deportment gentlemanly and wholly devoid of affectation. In his bosom duplicity found no lodgment, nor private pique a resting place. His counsels were wise, and always given in a spirit of kindness. His decisions were the result of due deliberation and sound judgment. His advice, in all matters relating to the interests of the craft at large, was given with such manifestations of conscientious integrity of heart as ever to command respect, and usually to be followed. His masonic life was a straightforward course. I have never known him to compromise a masonic principle. His integrity could never be warped, nor his fidelity shaken. I believe that all who knew Comp. CARRIQUE considered him a Mason at heart, a Mason in principle, and a Mason in practice. Full well did he understand the principles of our order, and appreciate their importance to mankind. He was always inclined to cast the veil of charity over the imperfections of others, and instead of condemning, search for palliating circumstances. I have oftentimes admired his coolness and candor on debatable questions of doubtful issue, and marked the openhearted frankness with which he admitted every shade of truthfulness in arguments adduced in opposition to his own opinion. This is a rare virtue in any man on controverted points, and can be accounted for on no other ground than an honest desire to arrive at truth, wherever it might be found.

But his earthly labors are closed, and his immortal spirit become an inhabitant of the invisible world. His example as a man, a Mason, and a Christian, is all that now remains. By the fidelity of his life, he has set his own seal to the purity of that institution of which he was a member.

By his death let us all be reminded that we too are mortal. What he is we must be. "Man, that is born of a woman, is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower and is cut down. He fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not."

We now pass to other considerations which for a few moments will claim our attention. Perhaps in the meantime it would not be unprofitable for each of us to institute the serious and searching inquiry, if our lives have hitherto borne testimony to the sincerity of that faith we have openly acknowledged before the world, and that rectitude of conduct we are pledged to maintain towards all men.

Although free masonry as an organized institution claims not a divine origin, yet every fundamental principle of inspired truth, involving obedience to God and duty to man, is interwoven with those precepts faithfully inculcated within the masonic walls. To me it therefore seems appropriate, especially when assembled by ourselves, to follow that divine injunction which

admonishes us to "stir up each others minds by way of remembrance." To call to mind more directly that which appertains to our own personal obligations and duties as Masons, rather than to pass a mere eulogy on the abstract principles of the order. We convene once in each year, not only for the transaction of business, but for mutual improvement, and should always separate with our hearts more thoroughly imbued with the spirit of philanthropy and brotherly love, with a clearer head, a stronger faith and a better heart. Frequent recurrence to our social and moral obligations can hardly fail to make us better men, better Masons, and better citizens.

It would seem that no Brother could so far lose the impressions first made on his mind, when required to make solemn declaration of his belief and trust in God, as not to feel a hallowed restraint on his future life and conduct. The duties implied in this declaration are numerous and fearfully responsible. As candidates just entering the mystic circle, and with the open volume of revealed truth lying before us, each was impressively charged to the performance of such duties as were therein enjoined; and *can* we now, with an honest heart, say, it has been our leading motive, and, in the main, our prevailing desire to preserve a conscience void of offence both towards God and man.

The dependencies of men on each other impose mutual obligations in the discharge of reciprocal duties. These duties we were explicitly taught were threefold as to our several relations, to God, our neighbor, and ourselves; the proper discharge of which, we are all aware, constitutes the only reliable foundation on which the social happiness of man and the civil interest of nations can rest secure. Obedience, therefore, to these injunctions, as the first lesson we were taught in masonry, is the fundamental qualification constituting a good neighbor, a good member of society, a good citizen, and a good Mason. An inward conviction of the all-seeing eye of God, and a pervading sense of future accountability, always imposes restraints on the consciences of men which no human law can reach, and prevents innumerable outrages on domestic rights, social tranquillity and civil order, which otherwise would constantly be perpetrated.

Personal security to life and property, a peaceful, happy, and prosperous state of society, either in neighborhood, community, or nation, has never as yet been found in any country where responsibility to some superhuman power was not believed and generally acknowledged. But the masonic creed covers this entire ground, for whoever obeys the moral law comes up to the true standard of divine requirements in the discharge of duty, both as to God, his neighbor, himself and his country. An acknowledgment of the scriptures, therefore, and obedience to their preceptive injunctions, as taught in the Lodge room, not only discharges duty, but, as a matter of course, secures that approval of conscience in which individual happiness consists, and at the same time contributes to the common welfare of those around us. Hence, in masonic language, to be a good man, and true, just, and loyal, covers all that social relations require, and all that civil government can hope or even wish for, to make her subjects good, wholesome, and valuable citizens.

Can the foundation, therefore, of any human institution be imbedded more deeply in truths immutable as the throne of Heaven, holding forth purer principles or covering a broader range of moral duties? Hence arises the

wisdom, the strength, and the beauty of the entire superstructure of our symbolic temple. On this broad platform we, as Masons, now stand, not to be idle drones in the great hive of nature, but co-laborers in the great work of disseminating the sound principles of moral truth, the acknowledgment of a common brotherhood, and the exercise of universal charity.

Masonry does not consist of a mere profession of abstract principles, but in a life of practical virtues. We are all aware that the very spirit of the institution, in the largest sense, consists in active benevolence, and all its tendencies look directly to the common welfare of the human family. This is one of the grand characteristics of the order. The foundation itself is wisely laid in those sublime truths which God has revealed to man; and the superstructure consists in a faithful and conscientious discharge of such duties as those truths involve. The Author of our being, with a perfect knowledge of human frailties, has wisely instructed us to give "line upon line, and precept upon precept." Thereby we may the oftener be reminded of what we are held responsible, both as to our faith and practice. In carrying out that injunction, it may not be unprofitable for us on the present occasion, to review some of those great truths we have solemnly acknowledged, and call to mind a few of those prominent duties we are charged to perform. In so doing we shall be constrained to look our own responsibilities in the face, and let conscience judge of our fidelity. No Brother, desirous of being made a living stone in the *celestial* temple, will fail to make personal application of the perfect square of moral rectitude to his own conduct, remembering it is by *this* criterion the Great Master Builder will decide the fitness of all the materials of which that spiritual building is composed. We may presume, however, that no one has forgotten, or ever can utterly forget his solemn acknowledgment of God, as the only condition of admittance to the fraternity, or his own voluntary avowal of trust in His all-protecting hand. We may, therefore, with great propriety, ask ourselves if in our intercourse with the world, both as men and as Masons, we have remained steadfast in that faith, true to that pledge, and mindful of the import of those declarations.

But to adopt the familiar language we hear in the Lodge room, as used to expand those truths and guide the understanding, we say to the candidate (and such have we all been), "The Holy writings, that great light in masonry," what light can be greater? "will guide you to all truth." What more could be needful as a guide? "It will direct your path to the temple of happiness," what more could be needful as our director? "and point out to you the *whole duty* of man." What more would it be possible to add by way of information? Here, then, is the broad ground-work, the rock on which speculative masonry is built; and this alone secures its character and its perpetuity. From that source, as our masonic text-book, we are charged to draw our instructions. All other teachings through the medium of symbols, are but elucidations of those moral truths and duties inculcated by this great light in masonry, the Holy Bible. If we speak of the square, the compass, the rule, the line, it is to enforce the precepts contained in that sacred volume. How can we wear the lamb-skin apron without being forcibly reminded of that innocence and purity which should adorn the inner man of the heart?

If we listen in the Lodge room to the impressive expositions of Temper-

ance, Fortitude, Prudence, Justice, it is but the repetition of the same sentiments delivered from heaven to fortify the mind against temptations. If allusions are made to the pot of incense, it is but an emblem of a pure heart, on which, we are assured, the All-seeing eye looks with divine complacency, while the voice of inspiration pronounces the highest benedictions of heaven as a sure reward. When the candidate is pointed, as each one of us has been, to the ark and anchor, it is only to illustrate and enforce, by sensible objects, the teachings of revealed truth, and impress upon the mind more deeply the consoling hope of entering that divine ark in which we may safely ride out all the storms of all the conflicting elements of human depravity, and at last be moored in the haven of eternal rest.

Who can look at the hour-glass with its wasting sands, and the scythe of time, and avoid calling to mind the fleeting moments of human life, and the solemn warnings so frequently and so faithfully recorded by the pen of inspiration, that the stroke of death may at any moment change his countenance and send him away?

By reference to that volume which points out the whole duty of man, no inquiry can be raised as to moral obligation, or relative duty, that does not find a solution; no course of action devised where this standard does not mark the just distinction between right and wrong. That individual who is guided by its precepts and governed by its laws, if his obedience is faultless, cannot err. A rule is here found, either in explicit terms or clearly implied, which will meet every occurrence in human agency, and every circumstance and condition of life. Every thing needful to be known or done is herein summarily comprised. It instructs the king on his throne, and the magistracy of nations, how to demean themselves in the exercise of their high prerogatives, and gives a rule adapted to every grade of their subjects. The language is, "He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God"; "The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established forever." To the people at large the command is, "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work."

Thus are kings and magistrates taught the rules of civil action, and subjects the line of political duty. In like manner, also, to judges are given directions clear and explicit: "Thou shalt judge the people with just judgment"; "Thou shalt not respect persons"; "That which is altogether just, shalt thou follow." And here, too, even the witness finds his charge, and the false swearer hears his doom.

Is any one at a loss as to any of those numerous duties involved in the various domestic relations? "Search the Scriptures"; "Parents, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"; "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for that is right"; "Honor thy father and thy mother, which is the first command with promise"; "Servants, obey them that are your masters according to the flesh"; "Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal." All the social and relative duties, too, are here faithfully embodied: "For all the law is fulfilled in this one word, even in *this*, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself"; "Let every one of us please his neighbor, for this is good to edification"; "All

things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets"; "See that none render evil for evil to any man."

Who of us, Brethren, are *guiltless* in this matter,—and we may add, too, without violating the laws of charity—how few even of those who profess the religion of the Bible, but oftentimes make invidious distinctions, at least on sectarian grounds, and withhold the very charity that same Bible inculcates? But masonry, be it recorded to her enduring praise, recognizes no sectarian distinctions, no local or party prejudices. Her doctrines comprise the great truths and prominent duties of every creed that acknowledges God, and admits the common brotherhood of man, leaving minor considerations, non-essentials, and matters of mere opinion to every man's own conscience. Hence, the prince and the peasant, the Christian, the Jew, and the Arab, meet on the same common platform of equal rights as men, and are the recipients of mutual kindness. Such intercourse, all must admit, evinces the true spirit of those divine injunctions above quoted, and is equally worthy of the man and the Mason.

But furthermore, does any one seek for knowledge as to the moral character and justifiable indulgence of any of the passions, affections, or propensities common to our nature? Here is a line of demarkation, drawn by that eye whose vision penetrates the secret emotions of every heart; nor does it contravene the dictates of any man's conscience, whatever his religious creed may be, nor war with any man's sober convictions of what is just and right; "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another." The spirit of benevolence and hospitality are also recorded as virtues of shining excellence, God-like both in their nature and exercise: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares"; "To do good and communicate, forget not"; and "Use hospitality one to another, without grudging." But in the sight of Heaven, charity is the crowning virtue of human nature, the brightest gem in the diadem of immortality: "Charity suffereth long and is kind; doth not behave itself unseemly; seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth; therefore, above all things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." Charity here denotes the affections of the heart in the exercise of benevolent feelings. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three: but the greatest of these is charity;" to use masonic language, "Faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind." Banish this heaven-born virtue from the heart of man, and the earth would be filled with violence, and the inhabitants thereof consumed with misery.

I speak thus freely and frankly, my Companions, with the hope of reviving some vivid recollections of your own experience in that faith on which we have all planted our footsteps, and of those duties we are pledged to discharge. I have selected brief portions from the inspired volume, which we acknowledge to be our text book, and you are well aware the sentiment of every quotation is substantially embodied in the creeds of speculative masonry. It is, therefore, most ardently hoped this brief recapitulation will inspire each

of our minds to engage with more vigorous efforts to do good to all mankind as we have opportunity I entertain no doubt that as Masons you understand the great moral truths of the institution in their abstract nature. But do all of us carry them out as the embodiment of our moral character before the world? Do we in the true character of Masons become a living epistle of truth and duty, known and read of all men? The world will judge the tree by its fruit, and they are authorized so to do. Those, therefore, who are not members of the fraternity and cannot be eye-witnesses of what is taught in the Lodge room, evidently misapprehend many of the governing principles of what is really embraced in masonic faith, and misjudge as to the character of those duties enjoined on the members, either through their waywardness or the common frailties of man. It is assumed on their part, that *secrecy* implies the adoption of some new principles of action peculiar to the order, and imposes certain duties on its *own* members not binding in common on *other* men. This is the main stumbling-stone over which men of honest minds even, fall into error in forming an opinion of our institution. And yet that it should be so we must all admit, is rather on their part a misfortune than a fault, for we are all aware nothing is more natural than the indulgence of suspicion wherever the most guarded secrecy is maintained. In such cases there is a natural proneness to lean towards an unfavorable opinion. This propensity is also greatly strengthened by the fact that all plots of evil design against individuals, and all conspiracies against government, religion, or morality, have been conceived in darkness and matured in secrecy.

But a due consideration of one fact, as it seems to me, would be sufficient to roll this moss-covered stumbling-stone from the door of our institution. The sacred writings, as we have just seen, lie at the threshold of entrance to our sanctum sanctorum, and this open volume of revelation is spread out on that altar around which we devoutly kneel. This precious book, hallowed in the eyes of all Christendom with the truths it contains, is by this act solemnly acknowledged to be the ground of our faith, and the duties it enjoins the rule of our actions. Assent to the former, and compliance with the latter, are impressively enjoined on every man who becomes a Mason. These are well known and well authenticated facts, on which not even the shadow of secrecy ever fell. When, therefore, the revealed will of Jehovah himself is thus known to the world to be the rock on which the pillars of our institution rest, and its divine treasures of knowledge the pure fountain whence as Masons we are taught to draw our instructions, what stronger, what higher, what more incontrovertible testimony could the world demand to remove every ground of evil surmisings on the score of secrecy? Who that takes this book of God for the man of his counsel can have a better? Who that obeys its injunctions can err? In view of the above considerations, do you not, my Companions, perceive that our responsibilities, are immeasurably great. To those moral and social obligations common to all men we have voluntarily superadded our own individual pledges. *We are Masons*; and what manner of persons ought we to be?

I now leave the subject with all its interests to the sober consideration of every Companion's better judgment, and hope by this plain, unadorned representation of truth, the understanding may receive more light, the heart be made better, and the world benefited by our virtuous example.

1851.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York, convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany, on the 1st day of February, 5851.

PRESENT:

M. E. ORVILLE HUNGERFORD,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOHN L. LEWIS, JUN.,	Grand King.
" JAMES S. FRENCH,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" WILLIAM SEYMOUR,	Grand Treasurer.
" REV. SALEM TOWN,	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JESSE P. MITCHELL,	Grand Marshal.
" JOHN PIERCE,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. ELISHA GILBERT,	P. G. H. P.
" BENJAMIN ENOS,	P. G. H. P.
" EZRA S. BARNUM,	P. G. H. P.
" ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU,	P. G. H. P.
E. JOSEPH ENOS,	P. G. K.
" LEWIS G. HOFFMAN,	P. G. K.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters, as follows:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RECEIVED.	PAID.
1. Ancient,	William H. Norris, A. B. Amerman.	\$34 00	\$20 50
2. Phoenix,	Sewell T. Fisk, N. N. Halsted.	38 87	20 50
5. Temple,	James Jenkinson, T. N. Dobbs, Wm. Gray.	21 50	6 00
6. Hudson,	Ichabod Rogers,	16 00	9 00
8. Jerusalem,	William O'Brien,	23 00	20 50
23. Warren,	Harvey N. Hill,	18 12½	9 00
26. Otsego,	John O. Cole,	5 25	
30. John the Baptist,	William Wade,	14 87	25 00
34. David's,	Harvey Wilson,	25 75	23 20
35. Western Star,	Thomas C. Ladd,	19 25	33 00
36. Geneva,	Luther Kelly,	15 90	25 10
42. Elmira,	I. Purdy,	27 45	31 00

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RECEIVED.	PAID.
48. Apollo, . . .	J. W. Churchill, . . . J. S. Perry, S. Higgins.	\$44 50	\$ 6 00
50. Cyrus, . . .	Jeremiah Wilber, . . . Isaac Phelps.	28 25	16 00
53. Hiram Union, . . .	Pythagoras Wetmore, . . .	7 50	11 50
57. Oneida, . . .	P. Lyon, . . . P. Brewer, O. W. Whipple.	84 25	15 30
59. Watertown, . . .	Charles K. Loomis, . . .	40 00	23 00
62. Hamilton, . . .	Asahel S. Beers, . . .	30 58	31 00
63. Ogdensburgh, . . .	S. Gilbert, . . .	9 00	27 00
64. Aurora, . . .	Minard V. Babcock, . . .	12 50	24 80
68. Sackett's Harbor, . . .	Thomas S. Hall, . . .	31 12½	24 50
70. Syracuse . . .	George N. Williams, . . . T. C. Edwards.	21 50	20 60
71. Buffalo, . . .	O. H. Dibble, . . .	69 62	38 50
77. Fidelity, . . .	Lyman Stowbridge, . . .	20 50	23 30
91. Dansville, . . .	Merrit Brown, . . .	24 50	29 80
92. Ovid, . . .	Peter Himrod, . . .	17 25	23 70
100. Penn Yan, . . .	Darius A. Ogden, . . . Andrew F. Oliver.	26 75	27 20
101. Steuben, . . .	Morrison Harding, . . .	50 75	32 00
103. St. John's, . . .	John S. Weed, . . .	14 00	10 00
105. Cazenovia, . . .	B. Enos, . . . E. Cushing.	11 38	17 80
106. Greene, . . .	Augustus Willard, . . .	16 50	18 00
107. Morning Star, . . .	John Newbury, . . .	21 50	30 00
109. Nassau, . . .	N. F. Waring, . . .	17 50	20 50
117. Newark, . . .	John Daggett, . . . David Daggett.	22 79	24 80
131. Rising Sun, . . .	_____ . . .	12 62	
132. St. Lawrence, . . .	Joseph Ames, . . . Darius Clark.	23 50	24 60
133. Phoenix, . . .	S. S. Bingham, . . . J. M. Austin, N. Weaver.	27 35	6 00
134. Champlain . . .	E. S. Bascom, . . .	19 25	18 50
CHAPTERS U. S. D.:			
Eagle, . . .	I. M. McCormick, . . .	15 00	
Mexico, . . .	Avery Skinner, . . .	12 00	
		\$928 98	\$761 20

The Grand Chapter was opened in the Royal Arch degree in due form.

The M.: E.: Deputy Grand High Priest made a communication, which was read, as follows:

To the Grand Chapter of the State of New York:

In October last I received a communication from JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 8, setting forth certain irregularities practiced by ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1.

I also received another communication from PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, upon the same subject. Not knowing of any power I possessed to act in the premises, no action has been had, and I herewith present said communication for the action of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary has notified ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, that the charges preferred would be submitted to the Grand Chapter, for its decision, at this time.

I have also received a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State, furnishing a list of suspended and expelled Lodges, by the Grand Lodge, which is also herewith presented.

A petition was presented to the Grand High Priest, in February last, for a new Chapter to be held in Mexico, Oswego County, by the name of MEXICO CHAPTER. It was referred to me on the 22d October last, with evidence of the fees having been paid to the Grand Treasurer, and it having been duly recommended by ONEIDA CHAPTER, No. 57, a Dispensation was granted. The papers relating to the same are herewith submitted.

O. HUNGERFORD, D.: G.: H.: P.:

February 4, 1851.

Resolved, That so much of the said communication as relates to granting a Dispensation to hold a Chapter at Mexico be referred to the Standing Committee on Warrants; and so much as relates to ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. OGDEN, TOWN, and HOFFMAN.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

On Charity—Comps. B. ENOS, BROWN, and PERRY,

On the Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. HALL, S. GILBERT, and FISK.

On Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, PURDY, and WADE.

On Grievances—Comps. J. ENOS, CLARK, and BINGHAM.

The Grand Secretary presented a statement of the items of receipts and disbursements of the Grand Chapter at the last meeting and in the subsequent vacation; and the Grand Treasurer presented a statement of the money in his hands.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Chaplain's address be delivered to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock.

The Grand Chapter adjourned to meet again at three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

Comp. OGDEN, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the subject of the complaint against ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, made a report, which having been read,

On motion of Comp. WARING :

Resolved, That the said report be re-committed to the same Committee, and that the Representatives of ANCIENT CHAPTER be heard before said Committee.

A memorial praying that a Warrant be granted for a Chapter to be held in the City of New York, to be styled "ORIENT CHAPTER," was read, and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. LEWIS, WILLIAMS, and WILSON.

Petitions for a Warrant for a new Chapter at Mount Morris, in the County of Livingston; for a Warrant for a new Chapter at Forestville, in the County of Chautauqua; for reviving the Warrants of EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 58, at Ithaca; of NEW JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 47, at Owego; of PLATTSBURGH CHAPTER, No. 39, at Plattsburgh; and of RISING VIRTUE CHAPTER, No. 96, to be held at Chaumont, were severally read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Warrants.

Several petitions for charity were read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Charity.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter will proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

The Royal Arch lecture was then given by Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and EBENEZER WADSWORTH, Grand Visitors.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned till to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Standing Committee on Warrants, to whom was referred the several applications for new Warrants and for the revival of Chapters, made a report recommending the granting the prayer of the petitioners for the several applications for new Warrants and the revival of old Warrants; and, after some time spent in the consideration of the said report, it was

Resolved, That the said report be re-committed to the said Committee.

Comp. LEWIS, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the memorial in relation to ORIENT CHAPTER, made the following report:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of New York:

The Committee to whom were referred certain papers and resolutions of the Chapter in New York, styled ORIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, have had the same under consideration, and have also investigated the facts and circumstances of the case and respectfully report: That at the time of the unhappy difficulties which formerly existed between the Grand Lodge of the State of New York and the body of Masons which acknowledged the jurisdiction of the St. John's Grand Lodge, there were twenty-three Royal Arch Masons who had been regularly exalted in Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, including seven or eight Past High Priests, who took part with the latter body. About seven years since these Royal Arch Masons associated themselves together and organized a Chapter according to the usages and customs of Royal Arch Masonry, but so far in contravention of them as to have no Warrants granted by any regular body having jurisdiction in the premises. This proceeding, which your Committee do not by any means approve or indorse, was one of the consequences of the peculiar position of that body of Masons, and which they considered forced upon them by the circumstances of the case. The Chapter thus formed and styled ORIENT CHAPTER has ever since continued to work, and has at this time, as appears by the papers before us, one hundred and thirty-seven members. We do not propose to notice the peculiar condition of things which has existed touching our St. John's Brethren; we have only to say, that by a species of moral chemistry, what has been midnight darkness has been rendered, by recent events, as light and fair as the morning's dawn. We of course allude to the late happy union by which the St. John's Masons have united and become regular Masons under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge.

Immediately upon the consummation of this event, the members of ORIENT CHAPTER assembled, abandoned their irregular organization, and now ask a Warrant from this Grand Chapter.

The Committee are in favor of granting this request. The conduct of these Royal Arch Masons is such, by their recent act, as entitles them to our highest favor. Their ready submission to our authority, and their desire to come under our jurisdiction, are worthy of all commendation.

We are further notified by members of our grand body, who are informed on the subject, that their work has been in rigid conformity with the mode adopted and in use in this jurisdiction; and every Royal Arch Mason has been so obligated that no ceremony of healing is necessary. Nothing, therefore, remains for us but to carry out the spirit of the union into which the Grand Lodge has entered with these Brethren as Master Masons. We, therefore, offer the subjoined resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. LEWIS, JUN.,
H. WILSON,
GEORGE N. WILLIAMS.

Resolved, That the Royal Arch Masons who are or have been officers or members of or been exalted in the body known as ORIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, in the City of New York, be and the same are hereby fully and entirely restored and healed collectively and individually, and that they be and are hereby declared to be entitled to all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of New York, and that their past officers be entitled to rank as such in this fraternity, excepting from the operation of this resolution such as have been suspended or expelled by such Chapter, till they shall be duly restored.

Resolved, That a Warrant be issued to said ORIENT CHAPTER, in which DANIEL SICKELS shall be named High Priest, JOHN B. EWING, King, and A. J. FISHER, Scribe; and that their one hundred and thirty-seven Companions, who were in membership on the 29th of January, 1851, as contained in the certificate of the Secretary of said Chapter on file, be members of said Chapter; said Warrant to be issued on the usual terms on which Warrants are issued to new Chapters.

The report having been read, it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

Thereupon Comp. WARING offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Comp. HENRY C. ATWOOD has made a statement in the presence of this Grand Chapter, and has made an application in behalf of himself, and others, for a Warrant for a Chapter to be located in the City of New York; and which statement, application, and accompanying papers, have been referred to a Special Committee of this Grand Chapter, who have made a report which has been accepted;

Resolved, That the application of Comp. ATWOOD, together with the report of the Committee and the papers accompanying the same, be and the same are hereby referred to the Grand Council, with full power to do all and every matter and thing in relation to the said application, and the papers connected therewith, that this Grand Chapter might or could do in open session at its annual communication.

The said preamble and resolution being under consideration, the hour appointed by the Grand Chapter for the election of

officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election accordingly. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following officers were duly elected :

M. E. ORVILLE HUNGERFORD, of Watertown,	Grand High Priest.
OSCAR COLES, of New York, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
JOHN L. LEWIS, Jun., of Penn Yan, .	Grand King.
JOHN S. PERRY, of Troy, . . .	Grand Scribe.
JOHN O. COLE, of Albany, . . .	Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM SEYMOUR, of Albany, .	Grand Treasurer.
Rev. SALEM TOWN, of Aurora, . .	Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JESSE P. MITCHELL, of Albany, . . .	Grand Marshal.

Comp. JOHN PIERCE, of Albany, was appointed Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Chapter again proceeded to the consideration of the resolution offered by Comp. WARING, and after some time spent thereon, it was

Resolved, That the same do lie on the table.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to consider the report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the memorial of ORIENT CHAPTER in the City of New York, and the same was again referred to the said Committee.

The Select Committee, to whom was again referred the memorial of ORIENT CHAPTER, made a report amending their former report by striking out the second resolution.

On motion that the Grand Chapter do agree with the Committee in their report :

Ordered, That the question be taken by yeas and nays.

The question having been put, it was determined in the affirmative, ayes 55, nays 19.

Thereupon :

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter do agree with the Committee in their report, and that the resolution be adopted.

Comp. LEWIS, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter on the subject of a history of free masonry in the State of New York, reported that the Committee had made some progress in collecting materials for the same.

The Standing Committee on Warrants, to whom were referred the several applications for Warrants, again reported, recommending the granting of Warrants to hold Chapters at Mexico, Forestville, and Mount Morris.

Thereupon :

Resolved, That a Warrant be granted to BAZALEEL THAYER, H.: P.: AVERY SKINNER, K.:, SIMEON LE ROY, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Mexico, in the County of Oswego, by the name of MEXICO CHAPTER, No. 135.

That a Warrant be granted to ALBERT H. CAMP, H.: P.: MARSHALL CASS, K.:, WILLIAM COLVILLE, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Forestville, in the County of Chautauqua, by the name of FORESTVILLE CHAPTER, No. 136.

That a Warrant be granted to MOSELY STODDARD, H.: P.: JOHN N. HURLBURT, K.:, ELIAS B. DRIGGS, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter at Mount Morris, in the County of Livingston, by the name of MOUNT MORRIS CHAPTER, No. 137.

The said Committee further reported that a Dispensation had been granted by M.: E.: R. R. BOYD, Grand High Priest, on the 6th of May last, to the members of EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 58, at Ithaca, to hold the said Chapter; that under the said Dispensation, for which they paid the usual fee, \$90.00, they have wrought to the present time, and have now returned the Dispensation with dues under it. The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 58, held at Ithaca, Tompkins County, be revived; that WAIT T. HUNTINGTON be High Priest, JACOB McCORMICK, King, and CALEB B. DRAKE, Scribe; and that a new Warrant be issued, the original Warrant having been destroyed by fire.

The report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

A motion was made that the \$90.00 paid for the Dispensation be returned, which was laid upon the table.

The Committee further reported in favor of granting the petition for the revival of PLATTSBURGH CHAPTER, No. 39, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That PLATTSBURGH CHAPTER, No. 39, held at Plattsburgh, in the County of Clinton, be revived upon the payment of one year's dues; that WILLIAM SWETLAND be High Priest, WILLIAM F. HAILE, King, and St. JOHN B. L. SKINNER, Scribe; and that a new Warrant be issued, the original Warrant having been destroyed by fire.

The report having been accepted, it was moved that the resolution be amended by striking out the words "one year's dues," and inserting the words "ninety dollars," which was adopted.

The question being put on the resolution as amended, it was determined in the affirmative.

The Standing Committee on Warrants then further reported in favor of granting the petition for the revival of NEW JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 47, and RISING VIRTUE CHAPTER, No. 96, and recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That NEW JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 47, held at Owego, Tioga County, be revived upon the payment of \$90.00; that EDWARD S. MADAN be High Priest, JOHN RIPLEY, King, and HENRY McCORMICK, Scribe; and that a new Warrant be issued, the original having been destroyed by fire.

Resolved, That RISING VIRTUE CHAPTER, No. 96, formerly held at Cape Vincent, in the County of Jefferson, be revived upon the payment of \$90.00; that ROSWELL T. LEE be High Priest, FREDERICK BELL, King, and ZEBULON CONVERSE, Scribe, of said Chapter; and that the said Chapter hereafter be held in the Village of Chaumont, in the County of Jefferson.

The report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet at half-past three o'clock this afternoon.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter reported:

That at the last session of the Grand Chapter there was received the following sums, viz:

For dues from subordinate Chapters,	\$861 28
For bank dividends,	288 00
For Warrants of Phoenix and Champlain Chapters,	180 00
For renewal of Warrants of Cyrus and Fidelity Chapters, .	10 00

\$1,339 28

Expended at the last session,	1,716 36
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Leaving a deficiency of	377 08
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Received for the sum loaned at the close of the session of 1849, \$1,150.00, and interest, \$80.50,	1,230 50
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Balance,	\$853 42
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This balance has been loaned at seven per cent.

There has since been received the following sums:

For dividends of Albany City Bank,	\$264 00
“ “ Bank of Albany,	24 00
For Dispensation to Chapter in Mexico,	90 00— 878 00

The funds of the Grand Chapter consist of cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$378 00
Loan as above stated,	853 42
Loan to G. W. Ryckman, and interest,	6,840 00
Balance in the hands of G. W. Ryckman, late Treasurer,	57 91
Stock in Albany City Bank,	3,800 00
Stock in the Bank of Albany,	300 00

Total,	\$11,729 83
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Respectfully submitted,

O. HUNGERFORD, D.: G.: H.: P.:,
JOHN L. LEWIS, Jun., G.: K.:,
JAMES S. FRENCH, G.: S.:,
J. O. COLE,
WILLIAM SEYMOUR.

Albany, February 4, 1851.

The Grand Chaplain then delivered his annual address.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Comp. HOFFMAN:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented to the Rev. Grand Chaplain for his excellent and highly interesting address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication.

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter be printed, and that six copies be sent to each subordinate Chapter.

Comp OGDEN, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the subject of the complaint against ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the papers relating to the practices and irregular conduct of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, of the City of New York, having had the same under consideration, beg leave respectfully to report:

That it appears upon the examination of the papers on file, and referred to

them, that ANCIENT CHAPTER was charged by JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 8, and PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, of the City of New York, with disorderly conduct, specifying the following offences:

1. That said ANCIENT CHAPTER did associate and sit in Chapter with one PHILIP S. VAN HOUTEN, who had been duly expelled by the Grand Lodge of this State; and did permit and allow him to officiate and act as High Priest of said Chapter, after such expulsion, and after this Grand Chapter had declared such expulsion to be a forfeiture of his right to sit in or be associated with any Chapter acting under this jurisdiction.

2. That said ANCIENT CHAPTER had exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason members of suspended Lodges.

The Committee further learned from the papers referred to them that these charges had been duly served upon ANCIENT CHAPTER, with a requisition to answer the same.

To these charges a reply in writing was made in due form by ANCIENT CHAPTER, and presented to this Grand Chapter, and referred to this Committee, but which paper has since been withdrawn by the Representatives of ANCIENT CHAPTER, by permission of the Grand Chapter. This Committee are gratified that the said paper has been thus withdrawn; the withdrawal has evinced a spirit of conciliation, and has led the Committee to a different conclusion from the one at which they at first arrived, and which could not have been changed so long as the objectionable paper remained on record.

In reference to the charges preferred against ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, the Committee report: That the first one is admitted to be true by the Representatives of the said Chapter in this Grand Chapter, and is not attempted to be justified. But the Committee are satisfied from the representations and statements of the Representatives of ANCIENT CHAPTER, that their irregular conduct and proceedings, in the particular referred to, have been more the result of a misunderstanding, and of mis-representation on the part of evil-minded persons and suspended and expelled Masons, than from any bad spirit or evil design or motive on the part of the great mass of the members of ANCIENT CHAPTER. It further appears by evidence submitted to the Committee, that PHILIP S. VAN HOUTEN is no longer a member of ANCIENT CHAPTER, he having withdrawn from the same.

The Committee are assured by the Representatives of ANCIENT CHAPTER that said Chapter have no disposition to set at naught the authority of the Grand Chapter, but will hereafter conform to the same, and submit and obey its rules, regulations, and resolves.

In view of the above facts, statements, and assurances, the Committee would not deem it proper or in accordance with the spirit of our fraternity to proceed to extreme measures; but in the spirit of kindness and brotherly love to overlook mistakes, and deal leniently with offences committed under mistaken views and erroneous impressions. For ANCIENT CHAPTER to associate with PHILIP S. VAN HOUTEN, after the action of this Grand Chapter, at its last communication, and particularly to permit him to officiate as its High Priest, was of itself a grave and serious offence, and is deserving of censure. And with such censure the Committee are disposed to leave the matter, the said VAN HOUTEN having withdrawn his membership in the Chapter;

and in view of the further fact that the mass of ANCIENT CHAPTER were probably misinformed in regard to the true condition of the question and facts in the case, and promise reform in the future.

In regard to the second charge, that of exalting expelled and suspended Masons, the Committee did not particularly enquire. The fact is denied by the Representatives of the Chapter, and the Committee are satisfied that if done, it was done through ignorance and misapprehension on the part of the great mass of the members of ANCIENT CHAPTER. To have ascertained fully the facts in the case, would have required the examination of documents and records which the Committee could not obtain, and they could not discover that the good of the order or the ends of justice required them to pursue the inquiry.

During the investigations of the Committee, and from the examination of the paper withdrawn from the Committee, facts appeared which they think deserving of the notice and action of the Grand Chapter, and accordingly submit the same.

It appeared from the paper referred to, which was authenticated under the seal of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, that on the 29th of January, 1851 (not two weeks ago), ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, among other irregular and extraordinary proceedings, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Chapter are of opinion that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of New York, as originally constituted by charter, and constitutionally continued under the Most Worshipful ISAAC PHILLIPS, Grand Master, is the only legitimate Grand Lodge of the State of New York."

In the opinion of the Committee, the passage of the above resolution, to say nothing of other extraordinary proceedings which took place at the same time, by ANCIENT CHAPTER, was disrespectful to the Grand Chapter, and constitutes of itself an offence which the dignity and authority of the Grand Chapter demand should be noticed. The above resolution, together with the report accompanying the same, conflict in spirit and terms with the solemn decision and resolution of the Grand Chapter, had and passed at its last communication, and which was, that the Grand Lodge known as the Willard Grand Lodge, was the only legitimate Grand Lodge of the State, and the only one recognized as such. This action, in the view of the Committee, was conclusive so far as subordinate bodies were concerned, and foreclosed them, except by appeal and regular action thereon, which is not pretended to be the case in this instance. It would be subversive of all authority, and bring into contempt the Grand Chapter and its action, if subordinate Chapters are permitted with impunity and without rebuke to controvert the solemn resolves of the grand body under which they act, and to which they admit allegiance, and treat as valid, legitimate, and regular, what that grand body utterly repudiates and disowns. This Grand Chapter do not recognize, and have never for a moment admitted the legitimacy of the Phillips Grand Lodge; on the contrary, it has and does utterly repudiate the idea that any Grand Lodge exists in this State, save the Grand Lodge over which M. : W. : Grand Master MILNOR presides, and which was formerly known as the Willard Grand Lodge. Shall a subordinate Chapter, then, be permitted to recognize and fellowship what this Grand Chapter so emphatically condemns

and repudiates? The Committee think not; but acting in the spirit of kindness, and trusting that what has been done, has been done hastily and without due reflection; and that an opportunity may be afforded for a correction of the evil, we submit for the consideration of the Grand Chapter the subjoined resolutions, and ask their adoption.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. A. OGDEN,
SALEM TOWN,
L. G. HOFFMAN,
Committee.

The report was accepted and adopted. The question being upon the adoption of the resolutions, the same were read, and being amended, were again read and adopted, and are as follows:

Resolved, That the conduct of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, in associating with and allowing PHILIP S. VAN HOUTEN to officiate as High Priest of said Chapter after the action of this Grand Chapter at its communication in February, 1850, was disorderly and liable to censure.

Resolved, That ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, be and is hereby directed to rescind any resolution or proceeding adopted by said Chapter which is in conflict with the following resolution, passed by the Grand Chapter in February, 1850, viz: "*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter does recognize the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of the State of New York, over which the M.: W.: JOHN D. WILLARD is Grand Master, and ROBERT R. BOYD is the Grand Secretary, and no other in this State."

On motion of Comp. TOWN:

Resolved, That the body of Royal Arch Masons known as ORIENT CHAPTER, in the City of New York, be received by this Grand Chapter as one of the Chapters under its jurisdiction; and that the one hundred and thirty-seven Companions who were members of that Chapter on the 29th day of January, 1851, as contained in the certificate of the Secretary of said Chapter on file, be members thereof; and that a warrant be issued to said Chapter, free of charge, in which Comp. DANIEL SICKELS shall be named as High Priest, JOHN B. EWING as King, and ANDREW J. FISHER as Scribe, in compliance with the terms proposed in memorial of said Chapter.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report:

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present this their annual report:

There are in the United States, and in the correspondence of this body, the following Grand Chapters:

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| 1. Virginia, | 6. Mississippi, | 12. N. Hampshire, | 17. N. Carolina, |
| 2. Louisiana, | 7. Indiana, | 13. Massachusetts, | 18. S. Carolina, |
| 3. Florida, | 8. Missouri, | 14. Connecticut, | 19. Alabama, |
| 4. Maine, | 9. Vermont, | 15. Maryland, | 20. Tennessee, |
| 5. Georgia, | 10. Kentucky, | 16. Ohio, | 21. Michigan, |
| | 11. Rhode Island, | | 22. Illinois, |

Making, together with the Grand Chapter of New York, *twenty-three* Grand Chapters, all of which (except Virginia) are under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which has also under its immediate jurisdiction, two subordinate Chapters in New Jersey, three in Iowa, three in Wisconsin, four in Arkansas, nine in Texas, and one in California—in all *twenty-two*.

From the first eleven Grand Chapters above named only have printed proceedings been received since the last annual session, and that in the order in which they are above given. We have also before us the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter at its triennial session in September, 1850.

The following table will show statistically the condition of these several Grand Chapters, and the prospects of Royal Arch Masonry within their borders, and will save us the trouble of a further recurrence to those points.

G. CHAPTERS.	WHERE HELD.	No. of Chapters represented.	No. of Returns.	No. of Chapters.	Members report'd.	Exaltations during past year.
Virginia,.....	Richmond, ...	19	21	26	597	Not given.
Louisiana,	New Orleans, .	4	10	10	300	83
Florida,	Tallahassee,...	7	7	8		Not given.
Maine,.....	Portland,	7	7	8	303	52
Georgia,.....	Augusta,	13	21	25	752	226
Mississippi,	Jackson,.....	13	19	26	678	140
Indiana,.....	Indianapolis, ..	14	15	15	365	88
Missouri,	St. Louis,	7	11	11	268	63
Vermont,	Burlington,...	4	4	4		Not given.
Kentucky,	Lexington,...	32	36	39	1083	274
Rhode Island,.....	Providence,...	4	4	4		Not given.
(Add.) New York,	Albany,	37	38	48		

Before proceeding to an examination of the very interesting documents before us, we cannot forbear instituting an inquiry after the absentees. Why have we not heard from our intelligent and esteemed Companions of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut? Good neighborhood should have prompted them to remember us, who border so closely upon them, and with whom, aside from the bonds of fraternity, we have so many feelings and sympathies in common, growing out of past toils, difficulties, and dangers, in which we have been sharers. Especially do we ask this of New Hampshire, for we observe that her proceedings of 1849 were received by other Grand Chapters far distant, but not by us; and in the same fraternal spirit we ask our enlightened and respected Companions of North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, and Alabama, why we were overlooked in the distribution of their proceedings of 1849; and why have we not received the customary welcome and fraternal greeting for 1850? Where is Maryland, almost the key-stone of the Royal Arch of the Union? where is South Carolina, the sound of whose gavel we hear so gladly? where young Michigan and Illinois, amongst whose Companions we have recognized names that were honored and beloved amongst us in days past, and who when tried (as they have been) were ever found true and trusty? Let us indulge the hope that when we again summon them for our annual review and interchange of feelings and opinion not one link shall be wanting in the bright chain which connect us together in the bonds of a common brotherhood.

The prospect presented to us by the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters is full of hope and encouragement. Everywhere we find them abounding in good works, and if a sorrowful note strikes the ear, it is the lament for past desolations, and is drowned in the louder and more cheering cry of "Onward!" The whole is an exemplification of three great masonic truths expressed briefly in the three key-words—Faith, Hope, Charity,—and the latter spirit is most strikingly displayed in the discussion of those various questions which have arisen within a few years past, and respecting which such wide differences of opinion have honestly existed. As we shall advert to some of these in this report, and notice other new topics, we invoke this spirit to be with us and with our Brethren, that nothing may be said or received unkindly.

VIRGINIA.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter were received in due season, and we always anticipated from them a rich feast, and more especially from the reports of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, not only from the racy and vigorous style in which they are written, but from the valuable masonic facts and truths with which they abound. Nor are we disappointed in the journal of 1849.

Hear what the Committee say of us: "We have the right to expect when we take up the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New York to find, as we believe, a strict conformity to the ancient usages of masonry; her position enables her to have more direct and frequent communication with the most enlightened of the masonic world; her age and experience is looked to as an example for younger Chapters, and should therefore be more careful in ad-

hering to, and using masonic language and custom. We allude (even if we should be charged with pertinacity), to her adjourning her Chapter;—where can that be found, and what warrant is there for it in ancient masonry? Opening and closing, calling to refreshment, etc., is a language we understand—adjourning is a term and proceeding in masonry to the knowledge of which we have not yet arrived. Who directs? who controls? what power is there in a Chapter or any organized body of Masons to adjourn? The presiding officer of the Chapter is the supreme head; he opens, he closes, and in a manner and in a language well understood and obeyed by Masons."

We appreciate the compliment here paid to us, and receive with kindness and humility the fraternal rebuke administered to us by our experienced Companions of Virginia. The fact that our Grand Chapter had "*adjourned*," instead of being "called off" or "closing," had escaped our attention till invited to it by this criticism. We admit the truth of the allegation, but we must confess that we should have more keenly felt the reproof if our Virginia Companions had not gone into a "*Committee of the Whole*" to administer it. A "Grand Convocation" or "General Assembly" of Masons "is a language we understand"; going into Committee of the Whole "is a term and proceeding in masonry to the knowledge of which we have not yet arrived" in New York, till we heard of it in Virginia. It is a position of things where, as appears from the journal before us, the Grand High Priest is deprived, temporarily at least, of his power and place in the East, and in this instance was superseded by a worthy Companion who was not even a Grand Officer, nor to our knowledge a Past Grand Officer. Well we may ask in astonishment in such case, "Who directs? who controls?" We had supposed with the Committee, that "the presiding officer of the Chapter is the supreme head"; but it would appear that it is a general rule to which there is an exception. We noticed this anomalous "Committee of the Whole" in the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter (and we wonder that our Virginia Companions, who are gifted with a keen vision to detect faults in that quarter, had not also observed it), on the election of officers, and we are gratified to believe that, their attention having been called to it, a different rule will hereafter prevail there.

But we are not disposed to answer the pointed question, "what power is there in a Chapter or any organized body of Masons to adjourn," by a negative, so far as the Grand Chapter (a body unknown to "ancient Masons") is concerned. A subordinate Chapter is a *working* body—we mean to be understood masonically—a Grand Chapter discharges legislative and judicial, and, to a certain extent, executive functions, for the good of its working subordinates. It orders, enacts, and adjudicates; but it never works, in a masonic sense, and we hold that to do so would be an infringement of the rights of its subordinates. Why, then, may it not, like any other legislature or court of judicature, properly adjourn? If we are right in this position, then we freely admit that our Companions in Virginia are right in going into committee of the whole, but not if we are wrong in adjourning. Again, we suppose it to be the prerogative of the grand body to order a suspension of its duties—the simple duty of its presiding officer to carry that order into effect.

We should not have recognized Virginia had we not found the annual pro-

test against the propriety and expediency of the existence of a General Grand Chapter. It is contained in the report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, and is ostensibly in reply to the Committee of our Grand Chapter in 1849; but as we propose to notice that subject in another place, we shall only invite attention to the example cited by them—that of the case of Comp. HARRIS, of HOLLAND CHAPTER, brought up on appeal to this body in 1849, and decided mainly upon the ground that he belonged to a Chapter warranted by the General Grand Chapter with a knowledge of its relations to a particular Grand Lodge, which the Grand Lodge of New York did not recognize.

Of this the Virginia Committee say: "Thus we see that the General Grand Chapter of the United States warranted a Chapter composed of members of a Master's Lodge, not recognized as such by the Grand Lodge of New York, and the Grand Chapter of New York, in open violation of their duties as Master Masons, amenable to the laws, resolutions, and edicts of that Grand Lodge which they must have known the existence of, and which they were bound to obey, utterly disregarded its mandates, and rebuked by their action the subordinate Chapter, who acted in good faith in obeying the behests of the Grand Lodge, to whom their obedience was due."

And again: "As Master Masons the Chapter members were estopped in proceeding even with the examination, the moment they discovered that the applicant was laboring under a masonic disability, created by an authority they were bound to obey; and the subordinate Chapter's proceeding was right, and the Grand Chapter, by their action, bring themselves in direct conflict with the Grand Lodge of New York, and establish the principle that a man can be a good *Royal Arch Mason*, and worthy to visit a *Chapter of Masons*, though he could not be recognized or allowed to visit as a *Master Mason*, any *Master's Lodge* within their jurisdiction. Strange incongruity and inconsistent with the recognized principles of *Masonry*."

We have thus given the Virginia Committee the full benefit of the entire extract—presenting all the counts in the indictment upon which the Grand Chapter of New York is arraigned in form; but the General Grand Chapter in fact, or rather we are put to the bar for the grave offence of acknowledging the authority and jurisdiction of the last named body.

The language of our esteemed Companions of Virginia certainly lacks neither point nor boldness; we wish that we could also add, plainness and directness. The difficulty which gave rise to the decision of our Grand Chapter has been removed, and we should feel justified in silently passing over the subject, were it not for the very serious nature of the charge brought against us, and the unsound doctrines contained in the extracts above given.

In New York, we "do not count ourselves to have fully apprehended" everything relating to masonic usages, morals, or jurisprudence; on the contrary, we derive great pleasure and satisfaction from our fraternal correspondence, by which we gather the fruits of the wisdom and experience of our Companions throughout the Union; "but this one thing" we know, that we shall not go beyond our own borders to be tutored in the import of our obligations as Master Masons, or to be arraigned for any supposed violation of them. New York Grand Chapter knows but one rule on this subject, the

declaration of which was forced upon her by circumstances at her last annual session, and in the soundness and propriety of which we are happy to know that Virginia concurs. If a Royal Arch Mason is suspended or expelled by his Blue Lodge, or by a Grand Lodge of *competent jurisdiction*, he is held as "profane" till the disability is removed by those who created it.

In urging cause of offence against the General Grand Chapter, the Virginia Committee endeavor to clinch the demonstration by these extraordinary positions: 1st. That the Grand Chapter of New York is subordinate and amenable to the Grand Lodge of New York. 2d. That the subordinate Chapters are in like manner amenable to the Grand Lodge. 3d. That the members of both were guilty of a breach of obligation in acting otherwise. 4th. That the appellant, Comp. HARRIS, was laboring under a masonic disability.

Now we deny the truth of these positions in the general and in the particulars, in the abstract and in the concrete, and we need not stop by the way to argue them. The Grand Chapter of New York, a sovereign and independent masonic jurisdiction, a vassal of the Grand Lodge! A subordinate Chapter owing fealty to the power that created it, under the dominion of another masonic power in the State! What say our worthy Companions of HIRAM CHAPTER, in *New Jersey*, to this new doctrine? This Grand Chapter owns no superior controlling power in the wide universe, save such as it has made by its own voluntary action. Its relations to the Grand Lodge have ever been those of the most cordial, intimate, and fraternal character, and hence its law of the last session; but it owes the Grand Lodge no obedience—the Grand Lodge claims no such supremacy. The case of Comp. HARRIS was simply this: A controversy had arisen between two masonic bodies in Louisiana, each claiming to be the Grand Lodge of that State, and to one of these bodies the officers of HOLLAND CHAPTER, of which Comp. HARRIS was a member, belonged. This body was not recognized by the Grand Lodge of New York, and masonic communication with its members was forbidden. Did this suspend or expel Comp. HARRIS? or was he suspended or expelled by a Grand Lodge of competent jurisdiction? There were differences of opinion on the subject, and Florida and Alabama, situated near the scene of action, had come to a different conclusion from the Grand Lodge of New York, and so had others. Under this state of things, HOLLAND CHAPTER, of Louisiana, applied to the General Grand Chapter for a Warrant, and the fact was made known to that body that the officers of that Chapter were members of the new Grand Lodge of Louisiana. They granted the Warrant, and they were as competent to act, and had as much jurisdiction as the Grand Lodge of New York, and we acknowledging their jurisdiction and owing them an *obedience* that we did not owe to the Grand Lodge of New York, and under obligations to them as Royal Arch Masons, as binding as to any Grand Lodge in the world, were bound to acknowledge the Companions of HOLLAND CHAPTER as regular Royal Arch Masons. Aside from all this, where is the evidence that Comp. HARRIS was not in good standing as a Master Mason? The Committee of our Grand Chapter expressly say that there was no evidence before them to impugn it; and under such circumstances they simply lay down the doctrine that a subordinate Chapter has no right to assume the province of judge in a controversy between Grand Lodges; and that

where a Companion is in good standing in a regular Chapter, in the absence of anything to the contrary, we are bound to assume that he is regular in his relations as a Master Mason. No rebuke was administered to the subordinate Chapter, but a simple declaration that its officers erred in judgment, with a protest against the conclusion of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana that there was any error of intention. A few words more and we will dismiss this branch of the subject, and with it the curtain lectures of Virginia, to which it has given rise. We know of no power to deal with any Companion who is in regular standing with his Chapter in this jurisdiction, although he may wholly repudiate the authority of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, if the Grand Lodge or the Blue Lodge, of which he is a member, have taken no steps in the matter; but we must receive and treat him as a Companion. If Virginia has any authority on the point, we will thank them to quote chapter and verse for our information. We beg, however, to be delivered from any difficulty or controversy growing out of the clashing of regular masonic jurisdictions.

We observe in Virginia, as well as in many other old and respected jurisdictions like her, that they have Grand Captains of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourners, Grand Masters of the Veils, etc., in their Grand Chapter. Now we know of no rule or authority forbidding the establishment of such officers, and those who are under the government of the General Grand Chapter are expressly permitted to make such officers as they please; but the particular use or duties of such officers is what puzzles us. We might find or see an appropriate station or duty for a Grand Captain of the Host, but we also observe in Virginia that they have a Grand Marshal. If the duties of these officers are confined to opening and closing we can see a *little* use for them; but even then the station is rather a sinecure, and we know of no other business they can have there, for we have already observed that a Grand Chapter is, masonically, not a *working* body, and that it would be an infringement on the rights of their subordinates to be such. These officers have peculiar duties in a subordinate Chapter in connection with its ceremonies, but we think the multiplication of minor and useless officers in a grand body an evil.

We also observe in Virginia an excellent practice which is also observed in very many other Grand Chapters, that of recording the names of all visitors not members of the body. It fixes responsibility and has other very obvious advantages. We wish we could say as much of her proceeding in a Grand "Committee of the Whole," to which we have before adverted, in which we notice however, they do not elect officers as in other Grand Chapters, a proceeding which we must be pardoned for thinking to be irregular and unmasonic.

The positions taken relative to the Royal and Select degrees we shall notice hereafter in their appropriate place; but we were surprised to perceive that these degrees were conferred by the Grand Chapter as such, on two Companions. We do not think the objection obviated by the fact that it was done at the request of a subordinate Chapter, or by way of exemplifying the work; it was reversing the order of things. RICHMOND CHAPTER should have conferred the degrees, and they might have called to their assistance the officers and members of the Grand Chapter, and thus have legitimately conferred as

well as exemplified the work, and pardon our ignorance, but we cannot see the precise use they could make of their Grand Captain of the Host, etc., in the operation.

A quotation is made from the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, in 1849, favorable to a General Convention of Masons, "with a view of constituting *One General Masonic Body for the United States* to supervise and correct the work and lectures in all the degrees of Ancient Free Masonry," but upon which Virginia expresses no opinion. We regret this for the weight of the opinion of a Grand Chapter of so much experience, intelligence, and ability, would have been greatly felt. Perhaps they refrained from so doing because the current of their judgment might be gathered from their antagonism to the General Grand Chapter, but very many objections urged by them to the last named body would not apply to such a body as is here spoken of. Aside from the advantages to be derived from a general uniformity in masonic work, we believe that the great subject of Masonic Union is one which will hereafter claim and engage the attention of every true-hearted Mason,—not a mere governmental union, working by the iron rule of power and enforcing its edicts with the strong hand—not a union of particular departments, excluding all who cannot pronounce their own Shibboleth—but a union which will produce and induce harmony and fraternity of language, rites, ceremonies, interests, views, and feelings, and which will insure respect more from the soundness of its head, than the strength of its arm; in every recognized branch of the masonic family, and in every degree which by general consent or long established usage has been held to be legitimate.

We perceive that action was taken providing for the furnishing of a diploma to any Companion producing a certificate from his Chapter of regular behavior and freedom from Chapter dues, by the Grand Chapter. Whether viewed as a mere financial measure or as a reward of merit we think the regulation a good one, the want of which is felt in this jurisdiction. We however regard it as of little weight as evidence, disconnected with other proofs, and should be averse to considering it as such, and so we doubt not do our Virginia Companions.

LOUISIANA.

We have perused the proceedings of this Grand Chapter with great pleasure and interest, and are much gratified with the zeal and intelligence they exhibit.

This grand body neither "adjourned" nor "closes" when it takes a recess, but duly calls from "labor" to "refreshment"; very proper terms as applicable to the proceedings of its subordinates, but are they quite proper for a Grand Chapter, which is not a *working* but a legislative and judicial masonic assembly?

A short but excellent address was delivered by the Deputy Grand High Priest at the meeting in March last, containing, however, no points of peculiar interest requiring notice.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a well written, sound, and well-reasoned document. They touch upon three leading points—the General Grand Chapter, the Royal and Select degrees, and the question

of the expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason by a Blue Lodge,—all of which are considered in detail, and the views of different grand bodies on these subjects collated. We shall so far imitate their example as to touch upon these topics in another part of this report.

A memorial was read from M.: E.: Comp. JOHN GEDGE, on the subject of the report of the General Grand Chapter in 1844, relative to the healing of English Royal Arch Masons; the support of the General Grand Chapter, and the Royal Arch Masons of that State regarded as clandestine. It is a paper marking deep reflection, much research, and displays signal ability in the writer, worthy of a Grand Master of Masons. It was directed to be printed in the proceedings, of which it covers about ten pages, and referred to the General Grand Chapter for their consideration. We shall advert to the subject of which it treats hereafter, but will notice in this connection, that upon motion of the same Companion measures were adopted with a view to a union of all Royal Arch Masons and Royal Arch Chapters in the State, and to the healing of the former who are clandestine, and restoration of Warrants to the latter. This is as it should be, and we hope their fraternal efforts will be attended with the success they merit.

It was ordered that dues be received from Chapters under Dispensations for degrees conferred only and not for members; and an amendment to the Constitution was introduced providing that no Chapter should be allowed to vote in Grand Chapter till its dues were paid. It was further ordered that the Grand High Priest or Deputy Grand High Priest should personally visit every Chapter in the State and report its condition to the Grand Chapter; and it was also ordered that no Companion should be permitted to lecture in any Chapter in the State unless he be a member of one of the Chapters or have authority from the Grand High Priest. We regard all these as good and useful regulations, except the saving clause in the last, admitting members to lecture. This private lecturing has been a source of much evil with us, in past times, and we fear that our esteemed Companions of Louisiana may suffer from the same cause. Better to restrict this species of instruction to Grand Officers, or more exclusively still, to Grand Lecturers, if they have such officers. Innovations are of sufficient rapid growth, with all the checks which can be thrown around our present system of teaching.

Appended to the proceedings of this Grand Chapter is a copy of the return of each subordinate Chapter, with their officers and members, and the number marked, passed, acknowledged and exalted during the preceding year. Other States require that the number who have been demitted, died, or been suspended and expelled during the year be furnished. We should like to see so much of this adopted in our Grand Chapter as to show the number of members returned each year and the number of degrees conferred, that we *see* as well as *feel* our annual progress.

We have observed in the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters a great diversity in the name of office of the Companion who officiates as Tiler. In Louisiana he is styled Guard; in Virginia, Tiler; in one State, Sentinel or Tiler; and in Mississippi, Janitor. Which is right? and having determined the right, would it not be well to have a uniform name for an officer so indispensable?

FLORIDA.

We are rejoiced to hail and welcome Florida amongst the Grand Chapters in the United States, because at one time we had our apprehensions that such might not be the case, and we rejoice at it not more for her own sake than ours. The proceedings before us evince spirit and intelligence, and exhibit increasing prosperity. A full representation and full returns, a beautiful and impressive address from the Grand High Priest, and an able report from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, presenting with clearness and force their views on the Royal and Select degrees and the General Grand Chapter. We perceive that they have not recovered from their soreness occasioned by the misunderstanding with the latter body, and that they are deeply imbued with the doctrines of Virginia on that subject.

Did we entertain the same doubt and uncertainty on the subject of the utility and necessity of the General Grand Chapter as is expressed by Florida, we would either throw off its allegiance, or quietly yield submission to it, as the Supreme Head, without murmuring or complaint. We do not mean to stifle the expression of any convictions of wrong or error, but no "spirit of deference" would induce us to yield obedience to its authority, and then coolly sit down to demonstrate by argument and illustration, that we had done a wrong in so acting, and that disobedience to such a body as they portray would be virtue. Better would it be for the prospects of Royal Arch Masonry, and for the success of the General Grand Chapter, to have opposition to it come from a bold, untiring and vigilant opponent like Virginia, than from such *friends* as Florida and Kentucky.

This Grand Chapter adopted a resolution, that when a candidate had received a part of the Chapter degrees, and after absence or lapse of time wished to receive the remainder, he could only receive them in or with the consent of the Chapter who conferred the previous degrees. They have in this, and other Grand Chapters, a Standing Committee on Returns, and on Unfinished Business, both of which we regard as very useful and appropriate committees, and while on this point let us add, that we think it due to our Grand Chapter and its interests, that it should also have a Standing Committee on Finance. The duties of the Committee on Returns in Florida were very strictly and punctually performed, and errors of a pecuniary nature, both for and against the subordinate Chapters, and other inaccuracies pointed out and corrected. A resolution was adopted that none but Royal Arch Masons were members or chargeable with dues, but that each Chapter should return those who had received the degrees of Mark, Past, and M. E. Master.

MAINE.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine reflect much credit upon the "worthies" who compose it; but we judge that their whole attention is devoted to the work of "re-building," as their business was mostly of a local character. We were surprised to find in the proceedings that there was no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, as we gather mainly from such reports the views and opinions of our Companions in other juris-

dictions, and should have been happy to have heard those of our enlightened Brethren of Maine.

An amendment to the By-Laws was adopted providing for the future communications of the Grand Chapter at the places of meeting of the several subordinate Chapters, commencing first with Bangor, and to be repeated in the same order of succession. We know that this is purely a local matter, but we must say frankly that we wholly disapprove the making a grand body itinerant. We think that there are interests concerned which outweigh all considerations of local convenience. There should be a "Grand East" in every jurisdiction, which should be as permanent as the thing it represents, and it detracts from its dignity and stability, and unsettles its affairs to put it in motion. "A rolling stone gathers no moss."

This Grand Chapter duly passed from "labor" to "refreshment," and went into "Committee of the Whole" to elect officers, but having displaced the Grand High Priest, they at least had the consistency to place a higher officer, the General Grand High Priest, in the East—no—"in the Chair"!

There is one proceeding of the Grand Chapter of Maine which meets with our most hearty approbation and is worthy of general imitation. They not only lecture in the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, but exemplify the lectures. It is this exemplification which is everywhere needed to produce uniformity, for we imagine that there is little difference in the lectures themselves; the discrepancies exist in the mode of working them out, and neither are they confined nor should the exemplification be to these two degrees.

Appended to the proceedings of the Grand Chapter are those of the Convention of Past High Priests, unlike our Council, not an organized body, and which anointed five High Priests. We should like to see proceedings of our Council in like manner preserved, and trust that the Grand Council will take the subject into consideration.

It would appear from the returns that the degrees of Royal and Select Master are conferred in and by the Chapters.

GEORGIA.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is very brief, and presents no point claiming notice, except that they include the condition of their own Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was adopted, in which they express their opinion of a rule providing for an appeal from the presiding officer on a question of order, and say, "We hold that the presiding officer of a Chapter is for the time being supreme, and no appeal can be taken from his decision on any point, and such appeal be determined by the Chapter. The redress is by appeal to the Grand Chapter of Georgia, to whom the presiding officer is alone amenable."

This question was brought before the General Grand Chapter at its last triennial session who affirmed these views, and which we shall notice in its place.

Georgia adopted a new Constitution at this communication, in which we notice nothing new or remarkable, except it be that ministers of the gospel are exempted from dues (and she returns thirty-four of them), and

non-affiliated Companions are restricted to three visits, which last rule also prevails in Kentucky. It is further provided that amendments to the Constitution must be approved by a majority of the Chapters after having been adopted by the Grand Chapter.

The proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters appended, present nothing worthy of observation, except the adoption of measures to provide for a uniform jurisdiction and method of work for the Council degrees, which resulted in the appointment of three delegates in a Convention of Royal and Select Masters, at Boston, in September. Similar delegates were appointed by Maine and others. The Committee who reported on the subject, say: "It is thought that this matter will be thoroughly discussed at the triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, etc." No such discussion was had, and the members of that most excellent body were as wary and chary of the subject as though it involved at least a ceremonial defilement, except that fears were expressed of "taking a leap in the dark"! We wonder that, under the pressure of such an argument, any Master Mason ever attained to the Royal Arch degree.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence notice the report of the Committee of our Grand Chapter in 1849, on the subject of constitutional degrees and Chapter fees, and fully concur with us in our opinions on the latter point, and instructed their Representative to the General Grand Chapter to present these two points—with what success will be hereafter seen.

A report of the Committee on Appeals was agreed to, affirming the right to reconsider a favorable balloting, and approve of a sentence of indefinite suspension, and refuse to restore the appellant at all, but commend him to the mercy and judgment of his Chapter. This is sound and just legislation.

The Grand Lecturer delivered the lecture on the Royal Arch degree only in open Chapter, and hereafter gold and silver only are to be received in payment for dues.

A new Constitution was adopted, which sets out with the express provision that the Grand Chapter is subordinate to the General Grand Chapter; and the next section prescribes the Grand Officers including a Grand Lecturer, and "Grand Orator," and also, for work in the Ancient Mysteries, a "Grand Principal Sojourner," etc. *How* he "works," or what "work" he has to do in a Grand Chapter is among the *modern* "mysteries." It is also provided that a quorum shall consist of the Representatives of five Chapters, and that a proxy must be a member of the Chapter he represents. These are good and necessary provisions.

We observe an excellent form of return for subordinate, and other useful matter in the appendix, for which much credit is due to the Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

From the perusal of the transactions of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, we have derived pleasure, instruction, and profit. If we are to judge of its future character and destiny, by the sample afforded us in the proceedings of 1850, we can confidently predict that it is destined to hold a high place among

the Grand Chapters of the Union. There is a propriety, an earnestness, and a good will exhibited which speaks volumes for the character of the craftsmen of Indiana.

The opening address of the Grand High Priest is brief and pithy, and is an admirable introduction to what afterwards followed; but we see that they also went into "committee of the whole," the Deputy Grand High Priest "in the chair."

We infer, however, that there is, at least, a suspicion of there being "strangers amongst the workmen," as we notice the introduction of a resolution requiring Chapters recommending Dispensations for new Chapters to vouch for the masonic qualifications of at least three of the petitioners to confer the Chapter degrees, and to keep an accurate record of their proceedings, which was negatived, however. If our young and enterprising sister will throw around Royal Arch Masonry the proper safeguards in the outset, she will become impregnable. Sundry irregularities of proceeding are pointed out in the report of the faithful Committee of Charters, such as passing from one degree to another without form or ceremony; "jumping," as the Committee term it; imperfections in the record in omitting to state whether any officers were present, or how many, or what members; transacting business and balloting for candidates in the Mark degree, loaning the petitioner money for his degrees and then remitting the payment, etc., all of which are evils, and need a corrective to be applied elsewhere, as well as in Indiana.

Measures were adopted early in the session to provide for a uniformity of work, and a Committee was appointed to reconcile discrepancies, and to report at the next annual communication, an example which we trust New York will, at this present juncture, follow.

The report on Foreign Correspondence occupies some twenty pages of their proceedings, and is a sound, able, and judicious production; reviewing with care and attention the doings of the several corresponding Grand Chapters, and making copious extracts from them, but with some unnecessary repetitions.

We are enabled to borrow from them some information with regard to the Grand Chapters of Ohio, Connecticut, and North Carolina, which we should have received in a more direct channel. Thus, for instance, we learn that in case of an applicant for the Chapter degrees who had lost his right arm, it was decided in Ohio to be improper to confer the degrees upon one "who is not of hale and entire limbs." As this matter was presented to the General Grand Chapter, we shall again refer to it.

From North Carolina we learn that their third annual convention, at which six Chapters were represented, was held in 1849 (the third since their re-organization), and quotations are given from the address of their Grand High Priest, in which, after mentioning in beautiful and appropriate language the desertion of its masonic altars, the desecration of its sanctuaries, and the ravages of death, he more cheerfully adds: "But the clouds by which the masonic sky has been so long overcast are now passing away, and a bright and glorious era in her history will soon succeed them. The few Chapters now in operation are yearly sending forth their scores of young and enterprising workmen, and by this means, slowly, but surely laying the foundation

of future prosperity." God bless the labors and sacrifices of our noble and true hearted Companions of North Carolina, and may their future sunshine be as bright and glorious as the clouds were dark and lowering. Their report on Foreign Correspondence touches upon the subject of the Royal and Select degrees, and we judge it to have been a sensible and ably written paper.

We are informed that in Connecticut the Grand Chapter annulled the Charter of one of its subordinates and suspended its members, and afterwards, on application from two of the suspended members, restored and "attached" them to another Chapter. We entirely agree with the Indiana Committee in thinking that the subordinate Chapter should have had a voice in this process of "attachment," as being the only judge of those who should compose her membership; a Grand Chapter may reinstate in masonic privileges, but cannot restore to membership without the consent, masonically given, of the subordinate Chapter. The Indiana Committee also notice with some surprise, an itinerant Chapter, which may hold meetings in any or either of *four* places. What think they of a perambulating Grand Chapter, which may meet in *eight* places, and so on *ad infinitum* with the increase of Chapters. We regret to infer from the Indiana extracts, that the prospects of Royal Arch Masonry in Connecticut are not flattering.

We learn from the Indiana report that they, like Maine and Virginia, have put the Royal and Select degrees under charge of their Chapters.

The Grand Chapter adopted an amendment to their by-laws, providing that no greater amount should be paid to Representatives than the amount of Chapter dues; but added the singular provision that certificates should be issued for the deficiency, payable out of any surplus afterwards paid in by such Chapter. They also provided that five Chapters represented should constitute a quorum; also for calling the roll of Representatives at each morning and afternoon session, and the absentees to lose their per diem allowances; also directing that the Grand Lecturer, in his visitation, should see that the Chapter records are kept correctly and in form. These regulations are perhaps well enough, and may be necessary; but we are left to infer two things: that clerical duties are somewhat neglected amongst our western Brethren, and that they are determined to be a "working" body in their Grand Chapter, if not in the masonic sense; yet we cannot but think that superabundant legislation is injurious.

Complaint was made by LOGANSFORT CHAPTER, that NILES CHAPTER in Michigan conferred the degrees upon sundry Brethren within their jurisdiction residing in Indiana, and measures were taken to remedy this violation of their rights, in which they will be cordially sustained by our Grand Chapter, we doubt not, so far as the principle is concerned.

A resolution was adopted appointing a committee to draw up a proper form of ceremonies for the installation of the officers of the Grand Chapter, to report next year; and as we have entire confidence in the skill and ability of the committee appointed, we trust that they will give us hereafter the benefit of their labors on a point much needed by Grand Chapters.

The presentation of a silver cup to Mrs. Sarah Bolton, the authoress of the beautiful ode sung at the laying of the corner stone of the masonic hall in

Indianapolis, was amongst the interesting events of the season. The address made by the Grand Chaplain in the presentation, and the reply of Mrs. Bolton, are both given, and are each handsome and appropriate. What we most value, however, in the whole matter, is, that a lady should be identified with the proceedings and interests of masonry. The enemies of the craft have made the exclusion of woman from its rites one of their most fruitful and plausible themes of censure and opprobrium, and we rejoice at any event which brings her closely in communion with those who are Masons for her sake as well as their own.

In the appendix to the proceedings we find the proceedings of the Council of High Priests; also certain standing resolutions of the Grand Chapter relative to masonic communication with suspended Royal Arch Masons; also the effect of suspension by a Chapter on the Lodge relations of the delinquent *vice versa*; also declaring High Priests to be amenable to a violation of the By-Laws of their own Chapters; and requiring Chapters to ballot for candidates only in the Royal Arch degree, and for each degree separately. We think the first part of this regulation the true masonic rule, only that it should require all other business to be done in that degree.

There is also a list of deaths published in conspicuous letters, headed appropriately by a mourning emblem; and they also give the names of the suspended and expelled.

MISSOURI.

In this remote western State, a younger sister of the confederacy, with her eleven Chapters, we find the interests of masonry and education identical, and she has won for herself in this particular a proud rank in the masonic fraternity. To find, therefore, her Grand Chapter, amongst its earliest proceedings, voting the sum of \$1,500 as a permanent endowment of the preparatory department of the Masonic College of Missouri is not so much a matter of surprise, as of earnest and heartfelt gratulation, mingled, we admit, with envy—envy of their ability to do good. When will our ancient, rich and powerful jurisdiction (we speak masonically of course) lend a helping hand to the cause of education? when will it properly respond to the louder and more imperative calls of charity in its broadest sense? by providing a seminary worthy of her name and character—an asylum commensurate with the means at her command and the wants of those for whom it is erected, where the aged Brother, when “stricken poor,” may find a resting place, and the widow and her orphans—the wife and children of a Brother—a home and a shelter—with food for the body, and food for the mind.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present a short report, glowing with fervor and bright with hope and happy anticipations from the prospect before them. They simply allude to the three topics—the Royal and Select degrees, the necessity and importance of a general dissemination of a knowledge of the work and lectures, and the effect of a suspension by a Blue Lodge on a Royal Arch Mason. For a settlement of the first two questions they confidently look to the General Grand Chapter, and on the latter they introduce a resolution, the counterpart of that adopted by this body last February.

This Grand Chapter have decided, by resolution, that it is irregular for a Chapter to exempt its members from the payment of dues, except as provided in the general regulations.

A copy of the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter is annexed to their proceedings. Three Chapters constitute a quorum; and the Grand Officers (except Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Sentinel) must be High Priests or Past High Priests; diplomas are furnished as by the Grand Chapter of Virginia; business of the Chapters is required to be transacted in the Royal Arch degree; and annual returns are required to be made, in default of which it is debarred from the privilege of being represented in the Grand Chapter, and its officers from holding any office therein.

There is one regulation which we desire especially to notice. After fixing the dues of the Grand Chapter at \$1.00 for each member, they except Companions exalted at the last communication before the meeting of the Grand Chapter, and those "whose dues or fees have been remitted on account of pecuniary inability." This strikes us as being so generous and noble, and so truly masonic, that we cannot fail to give it the commendation which it deserves. We know of many aged and excellent Companions with whom "the world has gone roughly," since they first joined the institution, and who are ornaments and supporters to it, who have not the means to pay even the small amount of their annual dues, and whose pride—a just and manly pride—shrinks from the idea of relying year after year upon the generosity of their Chapters to advance the payment for them, and withdraw. If generosity is to be shown, let the Grand Chapters set the example and help to bear the burden.

VERMONT.

It was almost with "shoutings and praise" that we welcomed our neighbors of Vermont back to their wonted place in the Arch in 1849; and we are so far governed by outward appearances, that our attention was at once attracted to the proceedings of her Grand Chapter in 1850, in its neat dress and clear, beautiful typography. The outward promise did not mislead us. We found a rich store of matter within in keeping with the casket.

It contains one of those well-conceived and well-expounded addresses, for which Comp. HASWELL, the Grand High Priest, who has done and suffered so much for the institution, is so famous in the fraternity; and it has a report on foreign correspondence, marked by clearness of style, felicity of expression, aptness of illustration, and depth of information, which does honor to the Committee, and which will compare favorably with any other document of the kind for the year past. It is confined mainly to three topics, which indicate great ability and research; the Royal and Select degrees—the General Grand Chapter—and the consideration of what are "constitutional degrees." Of the former, a historical account is given which mainly corresponds with our information and views on the subject, and we shall notice their views upon the second point hereafter. Before leaving it for the present, however, will our esteemed Companions of Vermont regard us as impertinent or arrogant if we notice some few faults in what abounds with so many excellencies? We refer to questions of fact, errors in which may have already

claimed their notice, but which we think it important to correct as having a bearing on the argument. There do exist Grand Chapters in Illinois and Michigan under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter; and there are no Grand Chapters in Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, or Texas—the Grand Lodge in the first State claiming supreme jurisdiction over all masonic degrees, including those of the Chapter and Encampment—the Chapter in the second being under the jurisdiction of Maryland, and the irregular Grand Chapter in Texas having been disbanded, and the subordinates being now under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. Again, Florida is now under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, grudgingly, it is true, leaving Virginia “solitary and alone” in repudiating its authority. Again, but one Chapter in New Jersey (HIRAM, No. 4, on our registry,) is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, and that by her own voluntary action, after the disbanding of the Grand Chapter, the others being under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and at this session warranted by it.

The consideration of what is meant by “constitutional degrees” as referred to in the 9th section of the 1st article of the General Grand Constitution, is conducted with great force and fairness, and the Committee came to the conclusion that it should be repealed, for the two reasons of its weakness and impolicy, and recommend that their Representatives in General Grand Chapter press its repeal. Whether they did so in the exercise of their judgment to which they were left by the deliberate action of the Grand Chapter, those Representatives being two of the Committee, does not appear of record. The Committee state some curious facts on the subject of degrees; as, for instance, that some of the “ineffable degrees,” such as Secret Master, Perfect Master, Intimate Secretary, etc., under the jurisdiction of the “Supreme Council, 83d,” have been long conferred by Royal Arch Masons from mouth to mouth (it being new to us in New York), and also the venerable androgynous degree of “Heroine of Jericho” (do we understand them to class this as “ineffable” also), all of which are ranked together. They define “constitutional degrees” to be those which are embraced by written Constitutions, and thus limited, they say we have but *seven*, but as two others are tolerated and sanctioned by authoritative masonic action, they extend the number to *nine*. We suppose the number here meant are the Royal and Select degrees. If so, what becomes of the degrees of Knighthood, whose “written Constitutions” are nearly as old as the Chapter degrees? What of these very “ineffable degrees,” whose written Constitutions, and the records of whose governing bodies, grand and subordinate, were extant at a period when the Chapter degrees had no existence separate from a Master Masons’ Lodge. We certainly do not dissent from their conclusions as to the expediency of repeal, or the necessity of some explanatory provision, but we thought these points worthy of note. As the matter now stands, we know of no better rule than for every intelligent Companion to construe this section, thus unrepealed and unexplained, as an enlightened conscience may dictate, which is better than to say “as he understands it.”

The Grand Secretary also presented a report, in which attention was called to an irregular Mark Lodge; but it having appeared subsequently that there

was no error of intention, the Brethren concerned were acquitted of blame, and only required to pay the dues for the work done to the Grand Chapter, and the Brethren marked in that Lodge were healed, by resolution.

A Chapter under Dispensation was chartered, and the officers allowed to take their seats as Representatives at the same communication.

A new code of General Regulations was adopted, which contains the following provisions worthy of note: The Grand Chapter is a *movable* body, precisely as in Maine. The Committee of Finance is required, amongst other things, to audit the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's accounts, and report at the next annual communication, and *previous to the election of officers*. The jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter is so aptly defined that we copy the entire section: "This Grand Chapter shall have original jurisdiction in settling all matters of controversy which may arise between any of the subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction, or between the members of different subordinate Chapters; and *appellate* jurisdiction in all matters of controversy, proper for masonic investigation, arising in any subordinate Chapter." Another excellent regulation, the neglect or violation of which is but too frequent, and which always engenders confusion, and sometimes ill-feeling, is this: "No person having been a member of a subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be admitted a member of any other Chapter under this jurisdiction, until he shall have procured a certificate from the Chapter to which he had belonged that he was in regular standing; that he had settled all his dues, and was at his own request discharged and recommended."

KENTUCKY.

The first matter that claims our attention in this ancient, powerful, and well regulated and well governed jurisdiction, is the order and system observed in their business transactions, denoting a competent and experienced Grand Secretary, an officer who is too often regarded as a mere amanuensis, but who ought to have, as in the case of Comp. SWIGERT (and we might have said the same of some other Grand Secretaries), a *head* as well as a *hand*.

A pointed, pithy, well digested, and well arranged report on foreign correspondence next deserves notice. This Grand Chapter "sympathizes" with Virginia in her pointed sayings and forebodings of evil from the General Grand Chapter, yet quietly submits to its authority, and instructs their Representatives to propose certain amendments to its Constitution, by way, we suppose, of *doctoring* what she has styled "an useless excrescence upon the masonic fraternity." The report reviews the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters, with occasionally a few words of appropriate comment; but, as we have gone through with these, we see nothing further claiming observation. They annex to their report the beautiful ode of Mrs. BOLTON, to which we have referred.

Annexed to the proceedings are full returns from the several Chapters, which, amongst other things, give the names of the Past High Priests and ministers of the gospel, there being about sixty of the latter in membership. The proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters is given, containing nothing of importance, except a protest against any interference on the part of the General Grand Chapter with their organization as a Grand

Council with subordinates, which is timely, to say the least of it, and would have been equally so had it been done after the General Grand Chapter had attempted anything of the kind.

It should never be forgotten, to the praise of Kentucky, that she is a pioneer in the cause of education, and that her Masonic College is worthy both of the State and the fraternity.

RHODE ISLAND.

From this long established and well tried, but limited jurisdiction, we have once more, by the receipt of the abstract of their Grand Chapter proceedings at its quarterly and annual communications from September 14, 1847, to July 11, 1850. They have been indeed well tried, but the fires on their altars have never been extinguished, and we rejoice to perceive that they are now kindling into a flame. They have recently taken measures to revive the order of High Priesthood, and exhibit commendable spirit and masonic zeal in improving and perfecting themselves in a knowledge of the work and lectures, by having it exemplified before them.

Their reports on foreign correspondence are brief, but sound documents, and show that they are not inattentive to the interests or the progress of the craft.

We observe in their proceedings that the Grand High Priest during the recess of the Grand Chapter suspended a Chapter for having admitted a Companion who was a member and officer of it, he having been suspended by their Grand Lodge; and the measure was approved and sanctioned by the Grand Chapter, who, however, subsequently restored the Chapter and authorized it to renew its labors. From the well known skill and high masonic knowledge of our Rhode Island Companions, we regard the precedent as valuable and important, and as a just exercise of undoubted and rightful powers, and is worthy of remembrance and consideration by this grand body.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

Before entering on an examination of the transactions and proceedings of this dignified and, as we regard it, useful and important body, let us glance briefly at the discussion which is going forward in the several Grand Chapters relative to its character, utility and powers. We certainly shall do so in no partizan spirit. Acknowledging its authority and jurisdiction, and that by our own voluntary act, and claiming the right—a right not only of the free citizen, but of the Free Mason—to freely and fully canvass its measures and actions, to commend that which is commendable, and to disapprove that which is blameworthy, we shall not yield obedience with the tongue and strike at its existence with the hand. We admit defects in its organization and Constitution, but are not convinced that the defects grow out of the Constitution and organization itself; but quite the contrary. In no spirit of vain glory do we declare, that our jurisdiction is as capable of asserting and then of maintaining its independence as any other.

We shall not pass in review all that is said in favor of, and against the General Grand Chapter, by our sister bodies; we prefer that they should be

their own organs of support or condemnation. It is insisted on the one hand that there is a necessity and propriety in having a supreme head to regulate and control conflicting interests between State Grand Chapters, to cultivate more intimately harmony and fraternal relations; to produce uniformity in work, and in general to carry out the objects expressed in its Constitution; and to bring into one Grand Council for these purposes, the wisest and most experienced of the craft. It is contended on the other hand, that it has failed to accomplish these ends, and that it is possessed of such powers as threaten to destroy the sovereignty of the Grand Chapters; in other words, that it is possessed of too much power, but that it never exercises it.

Our respected Companions of Virginia, whose manly frankness in expressing their opinions we admire much more than we do the eagerness with which they seize upon every, even the lightest occasions, to give them utterance, are the most constant in their complaints against the General Grand Chapter for not doing, and the most continually fearful that it will do something. Now it strikes us that every argument and illustration pointed by them against the existence of the General Grand Chapter applies with equal force to the establishment of a Grand Chapter, a body as little known to "Ancient Masonry" as the General Grand Chapter itself. The voracity of the maw of the one is, by their reasoning, made as great as that of the other, and only differing in capacity. We regard the fears entertained of a destruction of the sovereignty of Grand Chapters as idle, unless such a sovereignty is contended for as to make their conclusions final, right or wrong. Who compose the General Grand Chapter? The Representatives of these same sovereign Grand Chapters, a great majority of whom never sit but once in the General Grand Chapter. To suppose them capable of fratricide is a violent supposition; but the principle of selfishness itself negatives the idea of their committing suicide by destroying their own sovereignty. The General Grand Chapter is not a fearful overshadowing *foreign* power, but a body composed of the Representatives of confederated sovereigns of equal voices and power; and we but speak the united voice of Royal Arch Masons throughout the United States in saying with what pleasure and satisfaction we should meet with the Representatives of Virginia at the next triennial session, and to concert measures with them to cause the General Grand Chapter to fulfill the objects of its organization, and to stand with them shoulder to shoulder in resisting any invasion of the sovereignty of its subordinates, should it be attempted. We have conceded as much, nay, more than any other Grand Chapter in forming this alliance; will not Virginia make *some* concession?

Had we any complaints to prefer against the General Grand Chapter, it would be for the neglect to exercise its rightful and undoubted authority, not for exceeding it. For example, prior to the late session, it had not exercised its prerogative relative to uniformity of work; it had not settled the vexed question relative to the Royal and Select degrees; it had not determined what were "constitutional degrees"—and it had never issued edicts, but only expressed opinions. We saw at Boston, and have ever seen, a reluctance to decide questions presented to it for its arbitrament; but we do not complain of these things. These very accusations of undue exercise of power, and of centralization of jurisdiction have closed its mouth, and paralyzed its hands,

and it has chosen to be guilty rather of the sin of omission than of commission, to an excess of timidity, and shrinking from responsibility, that we can scarce regard with complacency. But we will leave the discussion of what it might do, and what it has left undone, and notice briefly what it did do, at the late triennial session at Boston in September last.

The proceedings before us have been so promptly and neatly got up, that great praise is due not only to the acting General Grand Secretary, Comp. MOORE, of Boston, but to the present efficient and capable incumbent, Comp. FRENCH, of Washington.

There were present during the session forty-five Representatives from twenty Grand Chapters, and three Representatives from two subordinates (Texas), together with six Grand Officers, South Carolina and Florida alone being unrepresented.

An admirable report was read from Comp. GILMAN, late General Grand Secretary, now in California, than whom a better masonic officer does not exist, and to whom the jewel afterwards presented was most justly due.

Early in the session Comp. GOODWIN, of Connecticut, presented a resolution to inquire into the expediency of forming a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, which was referred to a Committee, who reported adversely, and this is all that was done on the subject of these degrees during the session, notwithstanding the confident anticipations of several Grand Chapters.

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted making Past Grand High Priests members of the General Grand Chapter without a vote, "but only a consenting voice." The last qualification was unnecessary, as by the form of the amendment they had no vote, and the Constitution will be searched in vain for any express provision giving a vote to Past General Grand Officers.

The question which we noticed as having arisen in Georgia, relative to appeals from presiding officers was referred to a Committee, who decided, and as we hold very correctly, that no appeal can be taken from such officer on a question of order to the body over which he presides.

The subject of charter fees and honorary degrees, alluded to in the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, was presented and referred to a Committee, who reported an amendment to the Constitution leaving it discretionary with Grand Chapters to fix the amount of charter fees for their subordinates, but of *course* held a total silence on the subject of degrees. The report of the Committee was rejected. We think the present amount charged about right, and therefore care but little who exercises the power. In this same connection we may as well notice that an attempt was subsequently made to define the meaning of what are styled "constitutional degrees," but the resolution was indefinitely postponed, and now slumbers in the long repose to which all previous resolutions and reports on the subject have been consigned.

A well written report was presented on the subject of raising a representative fund for defraying the expenses of delegates to the General Grand Chapter by assessing the Grand Chapters triennially and equally, to pay for mileage and attendance at the rate of three cents per mile and \$1.50 per day for attendance, which was referred to the next triennial communication, and the opinion of the Grand Chapters requested on the subject. The matter is a

novel one, and the reasons for it strongly presented, and we hope that our Grand Chapter will give both the report and the subject of which it treats, a careful consideration.

The memorial of Comp. GEDGE to the Grand Chapter of Louisiana was presented and referred to a Select Committee, who reported adversely to the prayer of the memorial, on the ground not only that the Constitution by implication forbade it, but that the question had been so settled by the General Grand Chapter in 1844, but reported sundry amendments to the Constitution authorizing the healing of a Royal Arch Mason from a foreign jurisdiction, by conferring the intermediate degrees without charge to the Companion in the Chapter.

Reports were read from the General Grand Officers which gave a highly satisfactory and pleasing account of the prospects and progress of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States.

The subject of making a Brother a Royal Arch Mason who had lost one arm, and which arose in Ohio, was also referred to a Committee, who presented a written report concluding with the following resolution: "That hereafter it shall be considered competent for a Royal Arch Chapter to confer the Chapter degrees on a Master Mason who has but one arm." The Committee took the position that in view of the modern speculative character of the order, the ancient rule with regard to maimed persons had been strongly modified in practice so far as in some instances to admit candidates not so far maimed as to disable them from complying physically with the forms and ceremonies; that the old rule was not such an ancient and essential landmark as to be immutable; and that it was a mere question of convenience and policy, which might be modified. The report was laid on the table and not definitely acted upon, and a resolution was subsequently introduced and referred to a Committee to report at the next triennial session, whether the Chapter degrees may be conferred on persons maimed or otherwise imperfect in body.

We are neither satisfied with the reasons or conclusions of the Committee, and can but regard the proceeding as an innovation, which we have heard no sufficient grounds to justify, and we hope that our Companions in other jurisdictions will not hesitate to express their views upon the subject.

The Committee on Appeals decided that they could not act upon a petition of a Companion complaining of grievances from a Chapter; that it must come up in the form of an appeal, in which case all the proceedings had in the subordinate should be sent up.

A resolution was offered by Comp. TUPPER, of Mississippi, directing the Committee on the place of next meeting to inquire into the expediency and propriety of abolishing the General Grand Chapter, and recommending the same to other general grand bodies, with the view of establishing in their stead a general convocation of masonic delegates, representing all State grand bodies to exercise a general legislative jurisdiction over all masonic bodies in the United States. This resolution was laid on the table, and not again called up.

The Committee on the next place of meeting designated Lexington, in Kentucky; and also (under instructions) an amendment of the Constitution so

as to fix the permanent location of the General Grand Chapter at Baltimore. Without meaning to express any opinion as to the *place*, we need hardly repeat, after what we have said, that we are in favor of the *permanency*.

But the great and important measure of the session was the adoption of measures to ensure a uniformity of work and lectures throughout the United States. For this purpose the General Grand Chapter had the work exemplified in ST. PAUL'S CHAPTER, of Boston, in all the Chapter degrees, and having done so, the whole was committed to a careful and laborious Committee (at the head of which was the accomplished and indefatigable General Grand High Priest, Comp. ROBERT P. DUNLAP, than whom a more zealous Mason, or more commanding intellect does not exist in the fraternity), who, taking the exemplified work as the basis, carefully sifted and examined it, and having reported the result of their labors to the General Grand Chapter, it was, after careful consideration and discussion, *unanimously* approved and adopted. By the 8th section of the 1st article of the General Grand Constitution, it is made the duty of the first four General Grand Officers to diffuse a knowledge of the lectures and work, in consultation with the first four officers of the Grand Chapters. We hope our Grand Chapter will adopt early and efficient measures to possess themselves of the approved work through the regular and authoritative channel, so as to communicate it to their subordinates.

These, with others which we have incidentally noticed, were amongst the most important features of the late triennial session of our supreme head, but it is by no means all that was transacted. We have not referred to the detail of business, and we cannot refrain from saying that the several members were most attentive and assiduous, as well as considerate, in the despatch of business, and that the several able Committees of that body, and especially the Committee on Warrants, on Finance, and on Appeals, each having accomplished and efficient chairmen, as well as members, discharged the laborious and responsible duties entrusted to them with a zeal, industry and ability worthy of them as men and Masons.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS' DEGREES.

We do not propose to enter into any lengthened examination of this subject for a two-fold reason: They have already had as much attention bestowed upon them as their intrinsic merits will warrant, and the matter is in charge of an able and competent Committee of this body, who will report at length upon the subject; but still, we do not regard our duties as discharged without giving them a passing notice. We regard these points as authoritatively, if not satisfactorily, settled:

1st. That Grand Chapters have control over these degrees in jurisdictions where no Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons exist.

2d. That they should be conferred *after* the Royal Arch degree. For these two positions we have the express *authority* of the General Grand Chapter, and the *opinions* of some of our most experienced and enlightened Companions.

3d. That they are "constitutional degrees," and hence neither irregular or honorary. For this we have the *implied authority* of the General Grand

Chapter, long established masonic usage, and constant legislation and expression of opinion by competent authority.

4th. That they are of *value* to the well informed Royal Arch Mason. The "pertinacity" which has been exhibited by those in possession of, and constantly using and conferring them, and the widely extended and long continued discussion to which they have given rise in almost every Grand Chapter abundantly prove this.

5th. That there is no regular or legitimate Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters existing in the State of New York, and that therefore they are under the control of its Grand Chapter, and the legitimate and common property of its subordinates.

Aside from the facts already communicated through a Committee of this body, we would particularly refer to a series of able and elaborate articles from the skillful pen of Comp. HATCH, the chairman of that Committee, published during the last year in the *Masonic Review* at Cincinnati, which is conclusive upon the subject.

If, then, this Grand Chapter agree with us in these conclusions, and regard their newly found inheritance to be of sufficient importance, let them lose no time in entering upon the possession under such regulations and restrictions as their united wisdom may see fit to impose.

THE EFFECT OF THE SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION OF A ROYAL ARCH MASON BY A MASTERS' LODGE UPON HIS OTHER MASONIC RELATIONS.

We do not advert to this topic by way of fortifying the position taken by this body at its last annual communication; for at that time we broached no new doctrine, and established no new rule, but simply declared what was the existing law on the subject; but for the purpose of showing how a question, which at one time elicited much attention and discussion, has been settled.

Virginia Grand Chapter, in December, 1849, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That whereas suspension in a Master Mason's Lodge, for unmasonic conduct, extends to suspension from *all* the privileges of masonry, it operates *per se* as a suspension from Royal Arch Masonry, that being one of the privileges; but that when information is communicated officially to a Master Mason's Lodge of the suspension of one of its members by a Royal Arch Chapter from the benefits and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, that such suspension ought to form the basis of masonic proceedings and inquiry in all cases of such suspension in the Mark Master's Lodge to which such Brother may belong.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence in Louisiana Grand Chapter, in January, 1850, take adverse ground to the resolution of Virginia, for causes assigned, but admit the principle as follows:

Your Committee are, however, of opinion that any cause which should justly exclude a Mason from the privileges of a Master Mason, ought also to exclude him from all other masonic privileges; but that such exclusion can only be pronounced by the regular bodies of the various orders to which he may belong, after a fair trial.

Florida Grand Chapter, in January, 1850, adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge, or any other competent authority in the craft, shall suspend or expel any Brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the subordinate Chapter of which that Brother shall be a member, or if not a member, within whose jurisdiction he may reside, shall immediately, on such suspension being communicated to it by any member thereof, proceed to consider and decide whether such Companion shall be suspended or expelled from his Arch Masonic functions for the period which his suspension or expulsion from craft masonry continues in force.

Missouri Grand Chapter, in May, 1850, adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That suspension or expulsion from a Lodge of Master Masons for unmasonic conduct, operates to disqualify a Royal Arch Mason from his privileges as such.

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence in the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, in August, 1850, quote the above resolution of Missouri, and add : "Thus settling correctly, in the opinion of your Committee, this much mooted question."

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi, in 1849, adopted this resolution :

Resolved, That should a Companion Royal Arch Mason be expelled or suspended by a Blue Lodge, he is therefore suspended or expelled, as the case may be, from Royal Arch Masonry so soon as authentic information is made of the fact ; and should he be afterwards restored to the rights and privileges of a Master Mason, he is thereby restored to the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason, by virtue of his restoration to the character of a Master Mason in good standing.

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence in the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, in March, 1850, quote the foregoing resolutions of Virginia and Mississippi, and remark :

Your Committee are fully satisfied that the above is the true masonic doctrine on this subject ; and although this Grand Chapter was ignorant of the action of her sister grand bodies, when she lately acted upon a case similar to that contemplated in the foregoing resolutions ; yet we have reason to be gratified that we are sustained by such authority as the Grand Chapter of Virginia and Mississippi.

And finally, the question was presented to the General Grand Chapter, in September, 1850, on the appeal of PHILIP S. VAN HOUTEN from the action of this Grand Chapter for the adoption of its resolution on the subject at its late annual meeting, and the report of the Committee on Appeals dismissing the appeal was *unanimously* adopted. One of the members of this Committee was M. E. Comp. LEWIS, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of Louisiana, and he expressly concurred in it, as he did also in the following resolution, which was subsequently unanimously adopted by the General Grand Chapter :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this General Grand Chapter, all persons who have been expelled or suspended for unmasonic conduct, by any regular Lodge or Grand Lodge of competent jurisdiction, from all the rights and privileges of masonry, should be forbidden to visit or sit in any Grand or subordinate Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction, or in the General Grand Chapter ; and that it is the duty of Royal Arch Masons to abstain from all masonic communication with persons so expelled or suspended, until they shall be duly restored to their rights and privileges.

It will be perceived that this resolution is verbatim that of the Grand Chapter of New York, adapted in its language to the General Grand Chapter, with the addition of the words "for unmasonic conduct," which is an improvement.

MASONIC PERIODICALS.

We have never been of the number of those who believed that shrouding the principles of our time honored institution in darkness, or veiling in silence and mystery the transactions of our grand or subordinate masonic bodies was consistent with our masonic duties, or in compliance with a decent respect to public opinion. We justly claim for ourselves that there is no evil way in us, and aside from the advantages which the fraternity have derived from a comparison of views and feelings, the exposition of our tenets, and the light and knowledge which have been imparted to us by means of the various publications devoted to our interests, together with a faithful record of what is transpiring in the masonic world, we know that they have been the instruments of dispelling the mists of prejudice and error among the people, and of bringing to our ranks those who have added to its wisdom, strength, and beauty.

Those who have been accustomed constantly and carefully to read the various excellent masonic journals of our time have felt and acknowledged the truth and force of what we have been saying, and would be unwilling to part with a source of enjoyment and profit so accessible to all, and by which they have been incited to a more diligent and faithful discharge of the duties inculcated by our institution, and of accomplishing its mission of good will to man.

The masonic journals now published in the United States are:

The Freemasons' Monthly Magazine, published at Boston by Comp. C. W. MOORE; *The Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, by Comp. C. MOORE; *The Masonic Signet*, St. Louis, Missouri, by Comp. J. W. S. MITCHELL; *The Masonic Journal*, Georgia; *The Portfolio*, Nashville, Tenn., by Comp. W. TANNEHILL; *The Zodiac*, by Comp. BACON, New Orleans; and we do not know of any other except last, but by no means least in our estimation, the *Masonic Union*, published at Auburn in this State, and conducted by Comp. FINLAY M. KING. Each of these are said to be excellent publications, which we know to be positively true of the first two and the last named magazines, and we especially commend to the notice and favor of the craft the *Masonic Union*, as being a valuable accession to our masonic literature, conducted with great ability and judgment, and as being particularly devoted to the interests of masonry in our great State, and thus having a peculiar local value; and we trust that the instincts of self-interest in the absence of a higher motive will prevent us from suffering it to die, as did a former excellent publication of the same character in this State.

CONCLUSION.

Thus hastily and imperfectly, and amid the interruptions of other pressing avocations, have we traced an outline of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this country, so far as it has come to our knowledge, in which we have

sought to present every fact and incident that we deemed worthy of notice, and of which we have spoken frankly and freely our opinions, erroneous though they may be deemed, and have sought to do so in the spirit of fraternal kindness.

It was a part of our design to have spoken more fully and in detail of the condition and prospects of our own beloved Grand Chapter of New York and its subordinates, which we hold to be included within our province, but our limits now forbid it, and we leave them to be judged from what shall appear in our published records. Suffice it to say, therefore, that all is prosperity and peace within our borders, that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry are increasing in strength and brightness, and that the future is full of hope and promise. Let us add for the reputation of our Grand Chapter, and for the information of those in other States, that it has never been distracted by the divisions and dissensions which have unfortunately sprung up in other masonic departments in this State, and by which the character of the fraternity has suffered, and its influence been lessened in the eyes of the masonic world. Let it be our care to preserve that reputation still untarnished.

We had also intended to have included in this report, a notice of the situation and interests of Royal Arch Masonry in other countries, more especially in Great Britain and its colonies, from whence we derived our knowledge of it, and to have connected with this some account of the features, jurisdiction, government, discipline, and internal management of their Chapters, but our limited means of information and the length to which this report has extended, forbade a compliance with our wishes. We hope that a fraternal correspondence will be opened which will add to our stock of knowledge on these points, and to that bond of union which encircles the earth.

At the risk of being deemed captious, we cannot close this report without calling attention to the impropriety of the name of your Committee as that on "Foreign Correspondence." True it is, that by usage and acquiescence, the name has been adopted and the duties understood, but it is not "foreign" either in a general or masonic sense, for it relates to those who are only divided from us by imaginary State lines; air boundaries which interpose no barriers between Brethren. The name of "Committee on Communications," as in North Carolina, would be far more appropriate, but as it is in fact a Committee on the state of Royal Arch Masonry, it should bear a title corresponding with its office.

And, finally, the Committee feel that they cannot appropriately close their labors without an acknowledgment of obligation to the great I AM, who has bestowed upon us such beneficent and signal favors in times past, who has sustained us in the rugged path of trial in the journey of life, and has permitted us to pass so many veils which enshrouded the mysterious future from our sight, nor without imploring His divine blessing, and the influence of His omnific name on our present labors as a Masonic Council, and on our future efforts to spread knowledge and light, and to alleviate if not ameliorate the evils of an earthly existence, and especially to ask that He who has blessed our Nation and preserved its Union unbroken in the midst of threat-

ened dangers, would also keep us, who are its friends, united in ties equally strong and indissoluble.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. LEWIS, JUN.,
WILLIAM SEYMOUR,
L. G. HOFFMAN.

Albany, February, A. D. 1851.

The report, having been read, was accepted.

Ordered, That the report be printed with the proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

The Standing Committee on the Secretary's and Treasurer's books, reported that they had examined the same, and found them correct. That they had also examined the report of the Trustees, and find that it compared with the books.

The Standing Committee on Charity made a report recommending donations to the amount of \$80.00, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay the said several sums as recommended by the Committee.

On motion of Comp. WADE :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented to M. E. JAMES S. FRENCH, Past Grand Scribe, for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

The Grand Council, to whom had been referred two questions relative to the government of subordinate Chapters, submitted the following answers, viz :

The following questions have been propounded to the Grand Council for their opinion :

1st. Is it proper to propose a candidate for a degree in a subordinate Chapter, and on the same day or evening open the Chapter again to ballot for said candidate ?

The Council answer : such practice would be improper and ought not to be countenanced.

2d. Can a new Chapter commence work and confer the several degrees before the officers are duly installed ?

The Council answer : that a Charter confers full power to commence work, and to do and perform all things delegated in said Charter ; but section 16, of article iv, of the Constitution, provides that every new Chapter shall be installed. When a High Priest is duly installed, new obligations are imposed upon him, such as appertain to the office, and in addition to his duty as a member of his Chapter ; the Grand Council are, therefore, of opinion that a new Chapter should be duly installed before proceeding to the reception of candidates.

An application for the revival of RISING SUN CHAPTER, No. 16, in the City of New York, was read, and referred to the M. E. Grand High Priest.

The Standing Committee on Warrants, to whom was referred an application for the revival of GLENS FALLS CHAPTER, No.—, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners upon the same terms that others had been granted at the present session.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter do agree with the Committee in their report.

Comp. WADE called for the consideration of the resolution heretofore offered by him, and which was read, and is as follows :

Whereas, The masonic fraternity of this State is sufficiently large, and its interests are of sufficient importance to warrant the publication, and to demand the liberal support of an organ to vindicate the rights, to express the wishes, and to disseminate the principles of our order ; and

Whereas, the *Masonic Union*, a monthly periodical edited by Bro. F. M. KING, at Auburn, is deserving the patronage and confidence of this Grand Chapter in carrying out these objects, therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter subscribe for one copy of the said periodical for each and every Chapter in this State holding fealty to this body.

Resolved, That Bro. F. M. KING be requested to send his work to the Chapters of this State, and to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the subscriptions therefor, being \$1.00 per copy.

Ordered, That the said resolutions be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. WADE, ROUSSEAU, and KELLY.

The Grand Council appointed Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and EBENEZER WADSWORTH Grand Visitors for the ensuing year.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned till three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions offered by Comp. WADE in relation to the *Masonic Union*, made a report, highly commending the said publication and recommending it as deserving the support of the fraternity, but

deemed it inexpedient for the Grand Chapter to subscribe for the same for use of subordinate Chapters.

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter do agree with the Committee in their report.

Comp. WARING offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, This Grand Chapter has been informed that there are difficulties existing in the masonic family of this State, which are principally confined to the City of New York and its vicinity, and

Whereas, Those difficulties are calculated to disturb the harmony of the fraternity in this State, and tend to its injury, and

Whereas, It has been represented to this Grand Chapter by some of its members, now present, that there is probability that the mediation of this Grand Chapter would be accepted, by both of the parties among whom such difficulties exist, and this Grand Chapter representing the supreme power of a branch of the masonic fraternity in this State, believe it is a duty which they owe to themselves, as well as to the fraternity at large, to endeavor by all proper means to effect a reconciliation of the aforesaid difficulties. To the end that perfect harmony may exist in this State, in the fraternity, therefore,

Resolved, That it be referred to the Grand Council of this Chapter, together with a Special Committee of three, to offer, through said joint Committee, the mediation of this Grand Chapter to the several parties connected with such difficulties, to the end that if possible such difficulties may be properly adjusted and settled.

The said preamble and resolution having been read and considered, was adopted ; thereupon,

Ordered, That Comps. WARING, TOWN, and ATWOOD, be said Committee, in conjunction with the Grand Council of this Grand Chapter.

On motion :

Resolved, That no Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall, on or after the first of April next, receive any proposition of any candidate for exaltation, who does not acknowledge the jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge, of which the M. W. WILLIAM H. MILNOR is the present Grand Master ; nor confer the degrees on any one previously proposed who does not acknowledge the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge.

On motion of Comp. OGDEN :

Resolved, That the usual fee of \$90.00 for the Warrants granted at this communication for the revival of suspended Chapters be remitted ; and that

the said Warrants be issued upon the payment of \$25.00 for each. And that hereafter suspended Chapters may be revived, on the application of Royal Arch Masons who were members of the same at the time they ceased their labors, on the payment of \$30.00: Provided that such application be made within two years from this date; and further, that the Representatives of such revived Chapter shall not be permitted to draw from the funds of the Grand Chapter for the first year a greater sum than the amount of dues they shall pay. And that so much of the resolution passed at the last communication of this Grand Chapter, as is inconsistent herewith, be and the same is hereby repealed.

On motion :

Resolved, That the sum of \$65.00 be refunded to EAGLE CHAPTER, No. 58.

The Grand Secretary reported that HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4, WARREN CHAPTER, No. 22, and AMES CHAPTER, No. 88, had not made returns at the present session.

The M.: E.: Grand High Priest appointed Comps. LEWIS, HOFFMAN, and SEYMOUR, a Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the ensuing year.

The lecture of the Mark Master's degree was then given by Comps. ENOS and WADSWORTH, Grand Visitors.

The minutes were read and approved.

Then, after a solemn prayer and benediction by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIVED.

Received for dues,	\$928 94
“ “ three new Warrants,	270 00
“ “ Bank dividends,	288 00
Deficit,	152 10
Total,	<u>\$1,639 04</u>

EXPENDED.

For pay of members,	\$761 30
O. Hungerford, G. H. P.,	24 00
John L. Lewis, Jun., G. K.,	27 20
“ attendance at General Grand Chapter,	25 00
Carried forward,	<u>\$837 40</u>

Brought forward,	\$837 40
Benjamin Enos, P. G. H. P.,	22 00
Ezra S. Barnum, P. G. H. P.	15 30
Elisha Gilbert, P. G. H. P.,	10 00
A. J. Rousseau, P. G. H. P.,	6 00
Joseph Enos, P. G. K.,	38 00
James S. French, G. S.,	31 00
Lewis G. Hoffman, P. G. K.,	6 00
Ebenezer Wadsworth, P. G. S.,	6 00
Rev. Salem Town,	48 00
A. Skinner, per resolution,	20 00
T. S. Hall, " "	20 00
J. M. McCormick, for Eagle Chapter, per resolution,	65 00
John O. Cole, Grand Secretary, salary,	150 00
W. Seymour, Grand Treasurer, "	50 00
Postage,	3 50
J. P. Mitchell, Grand Marshal,	15 00
John Pierce, Grand Sentinel,	32 25
C. Van Benthuyssen, for printing,	168 59
For use of Masonic Hall,	25 00
Charity,	80 00
Total,	<u>\$1,639 04</u>

CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER.

No.	CHAPTER.	TOWN.	COUNTY.	HIGH PRIEST.	KING.	SCRIBE.
1	Ancient,	New York,	New York,	Wm. H. Norris,	Abraham B. Amerman,	John B. Willis.
2	Phoenix,	New York,	New York,	Sewall T. Fisk,	Nathan N. Halstead,	J. B. Cunningham.
4	Hiram,	Eatontown, N. J.	.....	George Finch,	Jacob W. Morris,	James Anderson.
5	Temple,	Albany,	Albany,	James Jenkinson,	Thomas N. Dobbs,	William Gray.
6	Hudson, .....	.....	Columbia,	Ichabod Rogers,	John Hamlin,	George Barker.
8	Jerusalem,	New York,	New York,	James W. Powell,	Peter H. Hopkins,	James Narine.
22	Warren,	Bridgewater,	Oneida,	No return.	.....	.....
23	Warren,	Ballston Spa,	Saratoga,	Harvey N. Hill,	Job Collamer,	Hiram Boss.
26	Oscego,	Coopers town,	Oscego,	Edward B. Crandal,	Ariel Thayer,	Henry Fish.
30	John the Baptist,	Moravia,	Cayuga,	William Wade,	James H. Wood,	George Hart.
34	David's,	Auburn,	Cayuga,	Harvey Wilson,	Amasa Curtis,	Willard Fisher.
35	Western Star,	Le Roy,	Genesee,	Thomas C. Ladd,	George W. Foster,	George W. Butterfield.
36	Geneva,	Geneva,	Ontario,	Luther Kelly,	S. M. Morrison,	E. Dakin.
42	Elmira,	Elmira,	Chemung,	Jotham Purdy,	Squire Newton,	John J. Nix.
48	Apollo,	Troy,	Rensselaer,	Achille J. Rousseau,	J. W. Churchill,	E. J. Higgins.
50	Cyrus,	Hamilton,	Madison,	Jeremiah Wilber,	Daniel Younglove,	Isaac Phelps.
53	Hiram Union,	Canajoharie,	Montgomery,	Baltus Cook,	Jesse Vincent,	Simon D. Kittle.
57	Oneida,	Oneida,	Oneida,	Philemon Lyon,	Peter Brewer,	Otis W. Whipple.
59	Watertown,	Watertown,	Jefferson,	Pearson Mundy,	Charles K. Loomis,	Curtis J. Partridge.
62	Hamilton,	Rochester,	Monroe,	Asahel S. Beers,	Nicholas E. Paine,	Calvin T. Chamberlain.
63	Ogdensburgh,	Ogdensburgh,	St. Lawrence,	Sylvester Gilbert,	Nathaniel Taggart,	R. D. Searle.
64	Aurora,	Aurora,	Cayuga,	M. V. Babcock,	C. H. Richmond,	R. Smith.
68	Sackett's Harbor,	Sackett's Harbor,	Jefferson,	Thomas S. Hall,	Jason Phelps,	Samuel Lyons.
70	Syracuse,	Syracuse,	Onondaga,	Geo. N. Williams,	John W. Cook,	Thomas C. Edwards.
71	Buffalo,	Buffalo,	Eric,	O. H. Dibble,	Nehemiah Case,	Nelson Randall.
77	Fidelity,	Trumansburgh,	Tompkins,	Nicoll Halsey,	Henry Taylor,	Lyman Strowbridge.
88	Ames,	Lockport,	Niagara,	No return.	.....	.....
91	Dansville,	Dansville,	Livingston,	Merrit Brown,	Jervis I. Beach,	Aaron Brown.
92	Ovid,	Ovid,	Seneca,	Peter Himrod,	John Kinne,	F. C. Williams.
100	Penn Yan,	Penn Yan,	Yates,	Darius A. Ogden,	Lancaster Dusenbury,	Charles Ketchum.

101 Steuben,	Steuben,	John R. Stephens,	Nathan Stephens,	Jeremiah Baker.
104 St. John's,	Saratoga,	John S. Weed,	Henry Peacock,	Stephen Hubbard.
105 Cazenovia,	Madison,	Benjamin Enos,	Enos Cushing,	Wm. J. Hough.
106 Greene,	Chenango,	Augustus Willard,	Robert Monell,	Warren Gray.
107 Morning Star,	Livingston,	John Newbury,	Alexander Martin,	George Smith.
109 Nassau,	Lima,	Nathaniel F. Waring,	John C. Smith,	Henry J. Willett.
117 Brooklyn,	Brooklyn,	John Daggett,	Vincent G. Barney,	David Daggett.
117 Newark,	Newark,	Joseph M. Wheeler,	Daniel D. Benedict,	Richard L. Allen.
131 Rising Sun,	Saratoga Springs,	Joseph Ames,	Darius Clark,	Israel Tupper.
132 St. Lawrence,	St. Lawrence,	Samuel S. Bingham,	Daniel King,	Sidney D. Smith.
133 Phoenix,	Rensselaer,	E. S. Bascom,	Cyrus Boardman,	Daniel S. Wright.
134 Champlain,	Whitehall,			
NEW CHAPTERS.				
135 Mexico,	Mexico,	Bazaleel Thayer,	Avery Skinner,	Simon Le Roy.
136 Forestville,	Forestville,	Albert H. Camp,	Marshal Cass,	William Colville.
137 Mount Morris,	Mount Morris,	Moseley Stoddard,	John N. Hurlburt,	Elias B. Driggs.
138 Orient,	New York,	Daniel Sickels,	John B. Ewing,	Andrew I. Fisher.
CHAPTERS REVIVED				
39 Plattsburgh,	Plattsburgh,	William Swetland,	William F. Haile,	St. John B. L. Skinner.
47 New Jerusalem,	Owego,	Edward S. Madan,	John Ripley,	Henry McCormick.
58 Eagle,	Ithaca,	Wait T. Huntington,	Jacob McCormick,	Caleb B. Drake.
96 Rising Virtue,	Chaumont,	Roswell T. Lee,	Frederick Bell,	Zebulon Converse.

1852.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York,
convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany,
on the 3d day of February, 5852.

PRESENT:

M. E. OSCAR COLES,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOHN L. LEWIS, Jun.,	Grand King.
" JOHN S. PERRY,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" WILLIAM SEYMOUR,	Grand Treasurer.
Comp. JESSE P. MITCHELL,	Grand Marshal.
" JOHN PIERCE,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. ELISHA GILBERT,	P. G. H. P.
" BENJAMIN ENOS,	P. G. H. P.
" EZRA S. BARNUM,	P. G. H. P.
" ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU,	P. G. H. P.
E. JOSEPH ENOS,	P. G. K.
" LEWIS G. HOFFMAN,	P. G. K.
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P. G. S.
" JAMES S. FRENCH,	P. G. S.

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters, as follows:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RECEIVED.	PAID.
2. Phoenix,	Thomas Dugan, Jun.,	\$62 25	\$22 50
5. Temple,	G. H. Thacher,	28 50	8 00
	W. H. Wharton, J. Dixon.		
6. Hudson,	John Hamlin,	16 00	11 00
8. Jerusalem,	Hamilton Dill,	62 75	22 50
22. Warren,	Samuel Richards,	21 00	16 00
23. Warren,	Abel Meeker,	9 00	7 00
26. Otsego,	John O. Cole (proxy),	8 62½	
30. John the Baptist,	Nelson T. Stephens,	14 50	27 00
34. David's,	Matthew Sittser,	34 75	25 30
	F. M. King.		
35. Western Star,	Lucius Parks,	25 50	35 00
36. Geneva,	Luther Kelly,	17 00	28 00
39. Plattsburgh,	St. John B. L. Skinner,	26 12½	26 90
42. Elmira,	Jotham Purdy,	55 00	31 00

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RECEIVED.	PAID.
47. New Jerusalem, .	Edward S. Madan, . . .	\$11 00	\$33 00
48. Apollo, . . .	Richard Bloss, . . .	87 00	4 00
50. Cyrus, . . .	J. Wilber, . . .	22 00	18 00
	H. G. Beardsley, J. Phelps.		
53. Hiram Union, . .	Simon D. Kettle, . . .	11 00	13 50
57. Oneida, . . .	Otis W. Whipple, . . .	45 75	17 30
58. Eagle, . . .	Not represented—dues paid, .	7 00	
59. Watertown, . .	Peter Horr, . . .	28 50	26 00
	Joseph C. Patridge.		
62. Hamilton, . . .	William E. Lathrop, . . .	45 50	38 00
63. Ogdensburgh, . .	Sylvester Gilbert, . . .	8 75	29 00
64. Aurora, . . .	Charles H. Richmond, . . .	6 50	27 00
68. Sackett's Harbor, .	Isaac Van Vleck, . . .	10 37½	26 50
70. Syracuse, . . .	George N. Williams, . . .	19 00	22 00
71. Buffalo, . . .	Nehemiah Case, . . .	55 37½	38 50
77. Fidelity, . . .	James M'Lallen, . . .	28 50	23 30
88. Ames, . . .	Asa T. Smith, . . .	46 75	36 00
91. Dansville, . . .	Merritt Brown, . . .	33 00	31 80
	E. B. Brace.		
92. Ovid, . . .	Peter Himrod, . . .	18 12½	24 00
96. Rising Virtue, . .	Not represented—dues paid, .	9 00	
100. Penn Yan, . . .	Charles G. Judd, . . .	25 87½	29 20
101. Steuben, . . .	John D. Collier, . . .	44 00	34 00
103. St John's, . . .	John S. Weed, . . .	17 00	12 00
	H. Peacock.		
105. Cazenovia, . . .	Enos Cushing, . . .	7 00	19 80
106. Greene, . . .	Augustus Willard, . . .	6 50	20 00
107. Morning Star, . .	George Smith, . . .	28 62½	29 30
117. Newark, . . .	John Daggett, . . .	24 00	20 40
132. St. Lawrence, . .	Abram Kingsbury, . . .	25 00	26 00
133. Phoenix, . . .	S. S. Bingham, . . .	9 87½	8 00
	J. M. Austin,		
134. Champlain . . .	Edward S. Bascom, . . .	12 00	15 50
	Dan S. Wright.		
135. Mexico, . . .	Bezaleel Thayer, . . .	21 50	23 40
	Avery Skinner.		
136. Forestville, . . .	Albert H. Camp, . . .	9 75	44 00
137. Mount Morris, . .	John N. Hurlburt, . . .	45 62½	33 70
138. Orient, . . .	John B. Ewing, . . .	129 00	22 50

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Binghamton, . .	Tracy Robinson, . . .	34 12½	25 00
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The Grand Chapter was opened in the Royal Arch degree in due form.

The M.: E.: Deputy Grand High Priest addressed the Grand Chapter as follows:

Companions:

Once more, through the beneficence of Divine Providence, we are permitted to assemble within these walls, to engage in friendly deliberations upon subjects directly connected with the interests of our beloved order; and I do sincerely trust that we bring with us such sober judgment and kindness of temper as will render our deliberations effective and of benefit to all. You have left your homes and here meet to extend to each other the grip of friendship; but our altar, covered with the solemn emblems of mourning, reminds us that he who should have bid us welcome, he who should have occupied the position held by me, is not here. In this council one is missing. Its chief dwells no longer among us. Ere we fully knew his worth, ere we had learned to appreciate his kindness of heart and gentle nature, ere the body who had selected him as its presiding officer had enjoyed the benefit of their choice, Death, the grand leveller of human greatness, claimed him for his own. We feel his loss and mourn it. We feel that if society has been deprived of a useful and valuable citizen, the Grand Chapter has lost a worthy and beloved Companion. May the gentle spirit of him who has gone from us hover over and among us, and impart to us something of his kind nature.

Although time may have softened the anguish of his family, and a fresh reference to their loss may rekindle feelings dark and mournful within their hearts, yet our duty prompts us to share their griefs and show to them that we, too, mourn the death of our beloved chief. We should pour consolation into the wounded spirits of his relatives, by expressing our hopes that he whose guileless life endeared him to his fellow men, having finished his course upon the broad level of time, has been wafted to the boundless realms of eternity, to be received into that Grand Chapter above, where the Supreme Grand High Priest alone presides.

Companions, to you I leave the task of paying such a tribute to his memory as affection alone can prompt.

It affords me much gratification to be enabled to report that the utmost harmony prevails throughout our branch of the masonic family, and that a manifest increase is perceptible. The number of Lodges has swelled to an extent almost incredible, and masonry has revived in portions of the State where the name of Brother has not been heard for many years. The struggles we have been forced to encounter are ended. The poisoned shafts of political ambition which were levelled against the time-worn walls of our old institution have lost their venom. The demagogues, who knowing little of, and caring less, for the principles taught by us, are silent, and masonry from her lofty eminence now looks down upon the stream of time, carrying upon its resistless and impetuous current those who raised the standard of persecution against her.

Chapters are formed from Lodges, Companions from Brothers, and may

we not be permitted to draw a reasonable inference in our Lodges, that the same spirit which animates the growth of masonry will continue, and that in a few short years this Grand Chapter will assume that high and lofty position she attained in the days of the immortal CLINTON. Upon you who are members of this body devolve many duties; to you, as the Representatives of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the State, your Chapters look for calm deliberation and sound judgment upon all matters which may be presented to you. Let me then ask that all personal feelings, if any such exist, be laid aside, and that each and all of you perform the several duties assigned you without a thought of sectional interest, but with a sincere and honest determination to act for all.

The presiding officers, as well as a number of the members of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, having been expelled or suspended by the Grand Lodge acknowledged by this Grand Chapter, I conceived it my duty to demand the surrender of its Warrant, which not having been complied with, I adopted the only course left me, to declare it irregular. The proceedings in regard to this Chapter are herewith submitted.

In accordance with a request, I appointed M.: E.: Comp. BREWER, of Utica, a Grand Visitor, with certain restrictions, for several counties named in his certificate of appointment.

A diversity of opinion having arisen as to the action of the General Grand Chapter in regard to the adoption of a regulation to produce uniformity of work, I addressed a communication on the subject to the M.: E.: General Grand Secretary, and herewith present his answer.

Since our last session I have issued Dispensations for Chapters to be located in Fredonia and Binghamton, and have revived the Warrant of ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER, No. 24, at Potsdam.

I would suggest for your consideration the adoption of a system other than that by which this Grand Chapter is at present governed, whereby an uniformity of work may be established throughout the entire State.

Resolved, That so much of the address of the M.: E.: Deputy Grand High Priest as relates to the death of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest be referred to a Select Committee; so much thereof as relates to ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, be referred to a Select Committee; so much thereof as relates to uniformity of work be referred to a Select Committee; and so much thereof as relates to the granting of Dispensations be referred to the Standing Committee on Warrants.

A notice of an appeal of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, from the action of this Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter, was read, and referred to the Select Committee on that subject.

Petitions for a Warrant for a new Chapter, to be held in the City of New York, by the name of METROPOLITAN CHAPTER; for a new Chapter in the City of New York, by the name of ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER; for the revival of BRADLEY CHAPTER, No. 95; for the revival of LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 13, were

severally read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Warrants.

An application made by WESTERN STAR, No. 35, to remove said Chapter to Batavia, was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. WILBUR, LATHROP, and KELLY.

Comp. MADAN offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That NEW JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 47, having failed to hold an election at the time prescribed by the Constitution, the officers of the last year be authorized to hold over until the next annual election.

On motion of Comp. PURDY, the said resolution was referred to the Standing Committee on Warrants.

The Grand Secretary presented a statement of the items of receipts and disbursements of the Grand Chapter at the last meeting and in the subsequent vacation ; and the Grand Treasurer presented a statement of the money in his hands.

The Grand Chapter adjourned to meet again at three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The following Standing Committees were appointed :

On Charity—Comps. PERRY, HURLBURT, and CAMP.

On the Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. ROUSSEAU, DILL, and McLALLAN.

On Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, DUGAN, and JUDD.

On Grievances—Comps. J. ENOS, FRENCH, and HOFFMAN.

The following Select Committees were appointed :

On so much of the address of the M.: E.: Deputy Grand High Priest as relates to the death of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest—Comps. F. M. KING, DAGGETT, and WEED.

On so much as relates to Ancient Chapter, No. 1—Comps. RICHMOND, PURDY, and PARKS.

On Uniformity of Work—Comps. LATHROP, EWING, and BASCOM.

M.: E.: Comp. LEWIS, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a report, which, having been read, was accepted, and a motion was made that the same be adopted ; debates were had thereon, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the report be re-committed to the said Committee.

Comp. WILBUR, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the removal of WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, reported the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That WESTERN STAR CHAPTER, No. 35, heretofore held at Le Roy, in the County of Genesee, be and the same is hereby authorized to be held at Batavia, in said county.

On motion :

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter will proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

A petition of R. J. EVERETT, praying for relief from the action of PHŒNIX CHAPTER, No. 2, suspending him for non-payment of dues, was read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances.

On motion of Comp. PERRY :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be authorized to cause the dresses belonging to the Grand Chapter to be repaired.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was re-committed the report made yesterday, reported as follows :

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully present this their annual report for 1852.

Since the last annual communication we have received the printed annual transactions of the following Grand Chapters, in the order in which they came to hand :

Virginia,	Georgia,	Indiana,	Illinois.
Tennessee,	Louisiana,	Connecticut,	
Alabama,	Missouri,	Maine,	
Mississippi,	Kentucky,	Vermont,	
Michigan,	Arkansas,	Maryland (1850 and 1851),	

in all sixteen ; and from them we also gather some interesting information

from the Grand Chapters of North Carolina, Ohio, Wisconsin, Florida and New Hampshire.

We also have received the following documents, for which we are much indebted to the courtesy of the Companions who have sent them :

Address of M. E. Comp. CHARLES SCOTT, Grand High Priest, of Mississippi, 1851.

A (nondescript) Tract on Free Masonry, by BARZILLAI CRANSTON, of R. I., 1849.

Manifesto of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, of New York.

Address of Rev. Bro. J. H. LINN, on laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall in Louisville, Ky., 1851.

We much regret not to have received the transactions of the five Grand Chapters last above named, not only for the great pleasure we derive from the fraternal intercourse thus silently held, but for the instruction they afford and the benefit received from a general discussion of important principles and the comparison of opinions upon subjects of general interest to the fraternity. It is due to our worthy and efficient Grand Secretary, to say, that the fault is not with us; that we have received no embassy in this manner from all of our sister jurisdictions.

It is a source of sincere gratification to us, and of thankfulness to the great I AM who has protected us all during the past year, to be assured, by the official proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in their borders, with scarcely an exception, are not only flourishing, but advancing in continued prosperity. We can well believe it to be so, indeed, and we may attribute it mainly to two leading causes: the reaction consequent upon a long period of depression in the saddened history of the past, like the increased force of the bow when unbent; and the onward impetus given to this department of masonry by the existence and practical workings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. We may safely grant *for the sake of the argument* (which is not entirely the fact) what is alleged against it, by its opponents, that its constitution is imperfect, its legislation slow and timid, and its acts indecisive and void of the potential mood; but in the kindly feelings which it elicits and the new and bright hopes for the future which it enkindles in its members who triennially assemble as "one common society or band of Brothers" is found a full and satisfactory reply to them all. They gather from the North and the South, the East and the West, and around a common altar, not only sacrifice local feelings and past prejudices with regard to many points in the institution, but by the communion of mind with mind and heart with heart they acquire new strength to carry into effect the beneficent purposes of masonry. It would, indeed, be strange, if the masonic institution was the sole exception to that great truth which lies at the foundation of our national as well as social prosperity, and which is briefly, but pithily expressed in the sentiment :

"One country, one constitution, one destiny."

In proceeding to lay before the Grand Chapter a review of the transactions of the several Grand Chapters, and an examination of the topics which have been presented and discussed, we state, that we shall frankly give our

opinions upon all subjects which we regard as important, leaving it to their wisdom, and sense of propriety and justice, to correct any errors of judgment, of expression, or of fact, into which we may be undesignedly betrayed.

VIRGINIA.

This Grand Chapter held its annual communication at Richmond, on the 12th December, 1850—EDMUND P. HUNTER, Grand High Priest, and JOHN DOVE, of Richmond, Grand Secretary. The most important feature in their transactions is the usual able and pointed report on foreign correspondence, the several topics in which we propose to notice as with all others under general heads, to prevent repetition. They are careful to reiterate their former opinions, as to the General Grand Chapter, but perhaps their position might become doubtful, in consequence of the presence of their intellectual and excellent Grand Lecturer, at Boston, in 1850. We hope to see a representation which we know will be worthy from that highly esteemed jurisdiction at Lexington, in 1853.

TENNESSEE.

Communication held at Nashville, October 14th, 1850, and was opened by a pithy and sensible address from Grand High Priest FULLER, who alludes to sundry topics presented in General Grand Chapter, and invites attention to them. The report on foreign correspondence is very brief, and recommends that measures be taken to give the Committee more importance and permanence. The proceedings are mainly of a local character. A new code of By-Laws was adopted, comprising eighty articles, and which is their only Constitution. They are amply sufficient, and embrace every needed regulation. We observe nothing in them claiming especial notice. As by one of their provisions the Grand High Priest is only eligible for two years in succession, Comp. FULLER retired, and was succeeded by M. E. ARCHELAUS M. HUGHES. JOHN S. DASHIELL, of Nashville, Grand Secretary.

ALABAMA.

Annual communication at Montgomery, December 2d, 1850.

RUFUS GREENE, Grand High Priest, AMAND P. PFISTER, of Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

The session was opened with a short address from the Grand High Priest, in which he feelingly alludes to the fearful inroads by death amongst the Companions in the State. The resolution adopted at the last session, relative to cases of emergency, was rescinded.

Nothing distinguishes Alabama more from her sister bodies than her efforts in the cause of education, and we find in the proceedings a report from the Committee on Education, made by the chairman, Comp. WRIGHT, which we wish might be read by every Free Mason in the land. It is a beautiful and eloquent production, and enforces in "thoughts that breathe and words that burn" the duties of Masons, and the office work of masonry in this important field, and the necessity that she should be "faithful and true to her ancient instincts and natural affinities." That such appeals have met with a lively

response is attested by the fact that Alabama has *four* masonic institutions of learning within her borders. And the Committee forcibly add that masonry has survived the changes of time and the vicissitudes of all other human institutions, "not solely because of the intrinsic excellence of its principles and organization, but because the God of Israel, who gave to King Solomon wisdom and promises, has heeded and answered the prayers of widows and orphans."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is so good that it leads us to wish that there was more of it.

MISSISSIPPI.

Annual communication 13th January, 1851, at Jackson. Rev. CHARLES SCOTT, Grand High Priest, DAVID N. BARROWS, Jackson, Grand Secretary.

An address was delivered by Comp. TUPPER, Grand High Priest, well written and worthy its author, in which he alludes to his proposition in favor of a general convocation of masonic delegates for the United States, presented by him in General Grand Chapter, and again urges it upon their attention. He also calls attention to the subject of uniformity of work as adopted by the General Grand Chapter, and measures were taken to carry it into effect. Coinp. SCOTT, upon his installation, delivered an address on the connection between the mysteries of free masonry and the plan of redemption, which his Grand Chapter well termed "eloquent and impressive," and which was published and distributed with the proceedings.

We observe that the spirited Companions of DE WITT CLINTON CHAPTER have taken in charge the subject of an Educational Seminary, and to which the Grand Chapter extended a generous and helping hand.

A Committee of five was appointed "on antiquities," whose object we take it to be, from the resolution, to inquire whether there has been any innovations on the Ancient Landmarks in work or otherwise. As an introduction to their labors the Grand Chapter presented the chairman, Comp. RUSSELL, with a Hebrew and English lexicon.

The report on foreign correspondence is very brief, and the Committee excuse themselves by pleading other engagements, and say of the several transactions received, that while they "contain much matter of interest to the inquiring mind of the Mason, your Committee see nothing requiring the particular action of this Grand Chapter." We should have been deeply gratified to have had the results of the "inquiring minds" of our esteemed and intelligent Mississippi Companions, and as they provide for a Standing Committee to report next year, we hope to see our wishes fulfilled.

A new Constitution of seven articles was adopted, worthy of attention for its comprehensive brevity.

We were much pleased with the incident of the calling "from labor to refreshment" at the invitation of Mrs. JOHNSON, the wife of a worthy Companion, in a manner at which Virginia herself cannot complain. We notice the compliments passing between the lady and the Grand Chapter, not as being remarkable, or in any other spirit than to express our commendation of any matter which binds the gentler sex more firmly to the labors and toils, in the cause of humanity, of her partner of the "mystic tie."

MICHIGAN.

We are favored with the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of this State from its organization at Jackson on the 9th of March, 1848, to its third annual meeting at Detroit on the 1st of January, 1851.

At this last meeting the session was opened by an excellent address from M.: E.: Comp. SMITH LEE, Grand High Priest, in which many important questions are discussed with great ability and candor, and which we reserve for notice in another place.

The report on foreign correspondence is a well written document, and while they complain of the scarcity of materials arising from their recent organization, yet they have furnished us with their views on several important subjects.

We are much struck with the propriety of a resolution adopted by them, not as a matter of religious custom, but of masonic consistency in a Royal Arch Chapter where the Great I AM is acknowledged, that on all occasions of devotion they reverently kneel. It is an evidence of strict observance in which we see indications of future usefulness in this, one of the youngest jurisdictions of the Union, which we welcome to our fraternal fold.

A Constitution was adopted in 1848, in which we observe two things deserving of special notice. Among the constitutional members of the Grand Chapter are Past High Priests who are in membership in a Chapter, and have presided one year. We fear that our Companions in Michigan will hereafter find serious troubles growing out of this provision, and we therefore raise a warning voice against it; but as it is more the principle than the expediency of the provision which we regard, we hope that they will look carefully into it. It has recently been so fully discussed in both points of view, growing out of the Past Master's difficulty in New York, that we forbear to add anything further on the subject. The other provision is that which authorizes a Chapter within its body to organize a Council of Royal and Select Masters over which they claim jurisdiction, and we think the reason and right of the matter is with them.

Comp. LEE having declined a re-election in 1851, CZAR JONES was elected Grand High Priest, and resolutions of thanks were adopted to Comp. LEE, which were highly and deservedly complimentary, and it was also resolved to present him a Past Grand High Priest's jewel. WILLIAM J. IVES, of Detroit, is Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.

Annual communication at Augusta, April 30, 1851. WILLIAM T. GOULD, Grand High Priest, WILLIAM K. KITCHEN, of Augusta, Grand Secretary.

The opening address of the Grand High Priest is brief and pithy, in which he congratulates them on their prosperity, and notices the leading measures brought before the General Grand Chapter.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is very short and very general, and closes with the following paragraph, from which we respectfully dissent:

"The Committee considering it their proper duty to submit to this grand

body, *facts*, rather than arguments or opinions of their own, submit the information before them without further comment."

A new Constitution was adopted at this session.

LOUISIANA.

Annual communication at Baton Rouge, Feb. 12th, 1851. THOMAS H. LEWIS, Grand High Priest, SAMUEL L. ISETT, of Baton Rouge, Grand Secretary.

An admirable address was delivered by the Grand High Priest at opening, in which he brings before them the several questions under discussion in the General Grand Chapter. A Committee on Foreign Correspondence was appointed but made no report.

Most of the business was of a local character. An amended Constitution was adopted, and a resolution passed giving the Chapters exclusive jurisdiction over all applicants nearest to them, except by the permission of such nearest Chapter.

MISSOURI.

The annual communication was held at St. Louis, May 14th, 1851. GEORGE H. C. MELODY, Grand High Priest, JOHN D. TAYLOR, of St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest made a report at opening confined to local matters.

A resolution was adopted declaring that the Charter should not be surrendered so long as nine Royal Arch Masons, members, were willing and desirous to exist as a Chapter.

The report on foreign correspondence, although short, is of decided ability and great interest, and contains many interesting facts and suggestions. We shall allude to it again. It closes with four resolutions as expressive of the sense of the Grand Chapter upon the points embraced in them, which were adopted. This is a feature upon which we have before expressed a favorable opinion, as the best mode to arrive at a point upon disputed questions, and we propose in this report so far to imitate their example, as to present our conclusions upon certain questions to the judgment of this grand body.

KENTUCKY.

This Grand Chapter held its annual communication at Lexington, on the 28th of August, 1851. THOMAS WARE, Grand High Priest, PHILIP SWIGERT, of Frankfort, Grand Secretary.

A large amount of business was transacted during the session, but mostly of a local character. A resolution was adopted providing that no Chapter shall confer degrees on a petitioner residing out of the county in which the Chapter is located, if there be a Chapter in the county of his residence, unless said Chapter be nearer said residence.

The chief attraction of the transactions is, however, the excellent report on foreign correspondence, of which Comp. JOHN W. TYDINGS is chairman. It takes up the proceedings of each Grand Chapter in correspondence with it, and gives us a well digested synopsis, and does not withhold their opinions upon any point presented. It is to their report that we are indebted for

information from some jurisdictions from which we should not have heard. We thank our Kentucky Companions for the commendatory manner in which they have been pleased to speak of former reports from our Committee, but above all thing we are gratified to learn that they viewed our report of last year in its true light, and give us credit for the motives by which it was dictated.

Our attention is particularly invited to one or two points which we will notice. The election of the officers of the General Grand Chapter in "committee of the whole" they think should be "decisive authority" with us, and ask if we had "overlooked this high authority" when writing our report. Certainly not, as they will find by looking at our last report, where we distinctly allude to it, and add, "we are gratified to believe that their attention having been called to it, a different rule will hereafter prevail there." We think that we have shown that we are as free to comment upon what we consider errors on the part of the General Grand Chapter as any other grand body.

Again—the incorporation of Captains of Host, Principal Sojourners, etc., among the officers of a Grand Chapter, is adverted to, and while they do not pretend to contend for the necessity of appointing such officers in a Grand Chapter, they ask: "Can a Chapter be properly constituted without these officers, and where will we find masonic authority for the election of Deputy Grand High Priest?" and submit these questions to elicit our views.

We answer, that if a Grand Chapter is meant in the former question, decidedly in the affirmative. A Chapter meets for work; a Grand Chapter composed of the Representatives of its subordinates, for legislation and judicial action. In the inferior body these officers are indispensable; in the grand body they are useless appendages. As to the second point, we ask, Where is the masonic authority for electing a Deputy Grand Master in a Grand Lodge? There is no such officer as Deputy Master in a Lodge. When the grand body was constituted, the very necessity of the case suggested the propriety of such an officer as a Deputy, upon whom the government should devolve in case of death, resignation, or absence, in analogy with the usage of secular governments. The same masonic authority which authorizes the election of a Deputy Grand Master, authorizes the election of a Deputy Grand High Priest. We think the records of the first and second temples might both be searched in vain to find a trace of either of said officers.

ARKANSAS.

We have before us the proceedings of the Convention of Chapters for the purpose of organizing a Grand Chapter, and upon the organization, which took place at Little Rock, on the 28th April, 1851. Three Chapters were represented, and the proceedings were conducted in due form, a Constitution adopted, and grand officers elected, the Grand High Priest having been installed by a Past High Priest. The Constitution is short and comprehensive. A Grand Lecturer and a Committee on Foreign Correspondence appointed, and a resolution adopted pledging their hearty co-operation with the Grand Lodge in the establishment of St. John's College.

We welcome our young sister from the far west into the masonic fold, and are much gratified with the spirit and true masonic zeal with which they commence their labors. E. H. ENGLISH is Grand High Priest, and LUKE E. BARBER, of Little Rock, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The annual communication was held at Indianapolis, May 21st, 1851. COLLEY A. FOSTER is Grand High Priest, and FRANCIS KING, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

We fully concur with the Kentucky Committee in saying that "the printed proceedings of this Grand Chapter are gotten up in a neat, perspicuous, and systematic manner, which does honor to the Grand Secretary."

By the address of the Grand High Priest, we learn that the Chapters are in a state of great prosperity, and which they richly deserve, and hope may long enjoy. The number of Chapters has increased in three years from six to twenty-one, and all is harmony.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a document of much ability and interest, and is written with system and perspicuity. We regret to hear them say that it has not been their object to present their own opinions and argument on any subject (except in one or two instances); we hope they will in future give us a *report* and not a *digest*, for they have shown us that their views are worthy of attention. In speaking of our State, they allude to the very able address of our venerable and excellent Grand Chaplain, Rev. Dr. TOWN, which they say they would insert, but for increasing too much the length of their report. This compliment is most richly deserved.

The Committee on the subject of forms of installation for Grand Chapter officers did not report, and another Committee was appointed, by whose labors we trust to be hereafter benefited. A resolution was adopted forbidding subordinates to expel members for non-payment of dues; and another that balloting for degrees might be had while open in the degree to be balloted for, but none but Royal Arch Masons to vote. We do not like the provision.

CONNECTICUT.

We have the annual proceedings at Hartford, May 15th, 1851. GEORGE GIDDINGS, Grand High Priest, ELIPHALET G. STORER, of New Haven, Grand Secretary.

An excellent address from M. E. Comp. GIDDINGS opened the proceedings, which contains a solemn and timely warning that the hour of prosperity is frequently the hour of danger, and which should be read and pondered by all. He cautions us that "the doors of our Lodges and Chapters have sometimes swung too easily upon their hinges. The Tiler has been too often found sleeping at his post." He also calls attention to "the want of proper care in the selection of officers of our institution," and cites the ancient regulation on that point. These admonitions are useful elsewhere as in Connecticut.

The report on foreign correspondence is brief and general in its allusions

and facts. They say that the papers before them "seem very clearly to evince the fact that great, and in the main, wise and efficient attention has been given to matters of local legislation." We have come to the same conclusion, and hence when the report closes with a well written and apt allusion to the great and growing prosperity of the institution, we see in this fact a powerful reason for this happy state of things.

Appended to the proceedings are the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter, the proceedings and Constitution of the grand convention of High Priests, and Mrs. BOLTON's ode. We also find the act of incorporation passed in 1827. In the Constitution of the convention we find that the fees for admission to the order of High Priesthood are \$2.00, for daring to demand which we turn them over to the tender mercies of our respected Vermont Companions. In the By-Laws we observe a pecuniary penalty of \$3.00 for omitting to make annual returns.

MAINE.

Annual communication at Bangor, June 24th, 1851. JOHN WILLIAMS, of Bangor, Grand High Priest, ALLEN HAINES, of Portland, Grand Secretary.

The chief feature of interest in the proceedings is their able and well considered report on foreign correspondence, by Comp. CYRIL PEARL, which commences with an apt and happily expressed allusion to the great patron of masonry, upon whose anniversary they had assembled. Passing from this topic they allude to the great importance of the reports on foreign correspondence, and assign briefly and probably the reasons why they have not been as full and as generally made as in other masonic departments, and then enter upon their labors of examination and discussion. Having in the course of their report approved the proposition for a Representative Fund presented by Comp. BLANEY, in General Grand Chapter, the subject was taken up by the Grand Chapter and the plan approved.

A resolution was adopted directing the subordinates to ascertain the names and residence of all known Royal Arch Masons within their several jurisdictions that are not members of some Chapter, and make return at the next annual communication.

The work and lectures were as usual exemplified in the presence of the Grand Chapter.

A new code of By-Laws was adopted, in which we observe that Portland is made the permanent location of the Grand Chapter; the Grand High Priest is ineligible for more than two years successively, except by unanimous consent; that \$23.00 is the sum fixed for the degrees; that Chapters each pay \$9.00 annually to the Grand Chapter, and \$2.00 for each candidate receiving the five degrees, or in proportion, giving each candidate exalted a diploma; and that no candidate residing in any town where there is a Chapter, shall receive the degrees in any other, without a recommendation from nine members of the first named Chapter, of whom the High Priest, King, and Scribe, shall be three.

VERMONT.

The annual communication for the past year was held at East Berkshire

on the 14th of August, 1851. NATHAN B. HASWELL, Grand High Priest, and PHILLIP C. TUCKER, JUN., of Vergennes, Grand Secretary.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest is in his usual good style, and after calling their attention to matters of local concern, and alluding to the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, he calls attention to an attempt made to affect his masonic character in connection with the rival claims of two Supreme Councils of the Scottish rite, and which as he thought might cast a stigma upon the Grand Chapter through him, as its first officer, he lays before them.

We are happy to see that Comp. HASWELL regards a good masonic reputation as a thing of value, not to be trifled with or lightly esteemed, and we think it would require a score of such attempts as these to sully the fair fame which this true-hearted veteran and his faithful Companions of the Green Mountain State have won for themselves wherever genuine masonry is known and respected.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Comp. PHILLIP C. TUCKER, is a production of great ability and force, abounding with passages of nervous vigor and close logical argument. An esteemed Companion has also styled it "caustic." Be it so. We prefer that it should be pungent or "*caustic*" rather than *emollient*, if that process be needed to elicit truth, as the steel strikes the sparks from the flint. It reviews the principal topics which have engaged the attention of Royal Arch Masons during the past year, and the proceedings of corresponding bodies, and has an opinion to express upon them frankly and fearlessly.

As our Committee has been honored with repeated allusions, we may be pardoned for again adverting to some points of difference between us and our Vermont Companions.

We think a reference to the past proceedings of the General Grand Chapter will satisfy our Vermont Companions that they are in error with regard to any abandonment of jurisdiction over the Council degrees by that grand body.

In 1829 the General Grand Chapter passed certain resolutions relative to these degrees, and the right of Grand Chapters to control them in jurisdictions where no Grand Council exists, and the order in which they should be conferred. In 1844 the General Grand Secretary made his official report, in which he brought the subject to the notice of the General Grand Chapter, and says: "It will be recollected that this subject was brought before you at the session in 1829; and as was supposed definitely settled." He then refers to various facts leading him to believe that there are those uninformed on the subject or disposed to disregard it. This part of the report was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of I. W. CRAWFORD, of Connecticut (General Grand King), NATHAN B. HASWELL, of Vermont, and WILLIAM B. HUBBARD, of Ohio (the present General Grand Master of the General Grand Encampment), who subsequently reported, and incorporated in their report the identical preamble and resolutions of 1829, and their report was adopted. We have searched the proceedings of 1847 and 1850 in vain to find this action reversed. In 1850 we find that a Committee was appointed to take into consideration the propriety of establishing a General Grand Council of Royal

and Select Masters, who subsequently reported that it was inexpedient to take any action on that subject. A resolution was offered defining what were constitutional degrees. If its indefinite postponement had any bearing on these degrees, it had in like manner upon every degree in masonry.

Missouri says in 1851 that these degrees are under the immediate control of the General Grand Chapter, and asserts that nearly all its Charters granted for the last ten or fifteen years have these degrees embodied, and complains of that body for refusing to act, and we have the confirmatory evidence of the venerable and excellent Comp. STAPLTON for the same fact as to the Charters.

We do not deem it important to notice the other matters on which Vermont has made some "caustic" remarks. We have an answer to the several points suggested, but as it is merely a difference in opinion between the two Committees, involving no essential difference in principle, we are content to give our respected Vermont Companions the last word on the points in question. An examination of the matter by those who may have any interest or curiosity to pursue it, will, we doubt not, prove satisfactorily that *we* are not mistaken in any important matter of fact, although we may not have used precisely the proper words in which to express intelligibly our meaning.

And so we dismiss the whole subject with the same kind feeling which prompted the sentences to which they seemed to have taken exceptions, disclaiming any idea of speaking "authoritatively," or in any spirit of discourtesy.

We scarcely need to add that our appreciation of the so-called "side degrees" is very much the same with that of our Vermont Companions.

We used the term "Grand East," in our last report, to designate the seat of government of a supreme masonic body.

We supposed that the phrase in its masonic signification expressed this idea, and having observed it frequently so used by those whose information on such points we were accustomed to respect, we adopted it for brevity. We may have been in error in this, but our Vermont Brethren will pardon us for saying that there is nothing in their notice of this matter which has wrought the conviction.

We cannot take leave of this subject without expressing our thanks to Bro. KING, of the *Masonic Union*, for his very handsome and well-written defence of our positions. He will perceive that the errors or "inadvertence," as he is pleased to term them, into which he supposes us to have fallen, were not committed by us. We did not speak of the "*Orders of Knighthood*," but of the "*Degrees of Knighthood*;" nor did we class the "Heroine of Jericho" among the "ineffable" degrees. That label was affixed in Vermont.

Finally, we apologize for having taken up so much time and space with matters of comparatively small moment, but as they involved questions of accuracy in the statement of facts, we deemed it due to ourselves, to render our reports of any value, that we should carefully inquire whether we had been in error. We leave this grand body to determine who was *mistaken* in these particulars.

We perceive that Vermont, at the present session, set the seal upon forfeited Warrants, by renumbering her Chapters. New York has taken the initiatory steps towards the same object, but the countermarch in her legislation on the

subject of forfeited Warrants last winter, defeated for the time its accomplishment.

MARYLAND.

We have before us the proceedings of this Grand Chapter at the adjourned meeting, held April 13th, 1850; at the annual communication, November 11th, 1850, and at the annual communication on the 10th day of November, 1851; all of which were held at Baltimore. Our question of last year: "Where is Maryland, almost the keystone of the Royal Arch of the Union?" is answered, not only by the quantity, but the superior quality of the matter furnished us.

At the adjourned meeting in April, 1850, the report of the Committee on Grievances as to JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 9, was presented, which, together with the accompanying resolutions, was adopted. The question presented was as to the right of a High Priest to be installed before receiving the degree of High Priesthood in a Council of High Priests. The Chapter had elected for High Priest a Companion who, on presenting himself with a certificate to the Council, was balloted for and rejected. He was again elected High Priest by the Chapter, and was again rejected by the Council. He was again elected and the Grand High Priest refused to install him, and, as subsequently appears, because he had not received the degree of High Priesthood, and the majority of the Committee whose report was adopted, sanctioned the course of the Grand High Priest. In consequence of this, JERUSALEM CHAPTER surrendered her Charter, and for this and other acts of contumacy, those who participated in them were excluded from masonic intercourse. We have stated this case thus fully on account of its importance and general interest, and shall advert to it again.

The annual communication in November was opened by an excellent address by the venerable Grand High Priest, JOSEPH K. STAPLETON, who, after twenty-five years of service, during which time the Grand Chapter gratefully acknowledges his ability, kindness and punctuality, retired from office, and was succeeded by Comp. BENJAMIN B. FRENCH, General Grand Secretary, than upon whom a worthier successor could not be found for the mantle of the time-worn Patriarch to descend.

A brief report was presented by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, alleging want of time for a full report.

At the annual communication in November, 1851, the session was opened with an admirable and excellent address from Grand High Priest FRENCH, who, after adverting to the restoration of the Warrant of JERUSALEM CHAPTER to sundry Companions with the Deputy Grand High Priest COURTNEY at their head, and various other local matters, apologizes for the absence of the usual report on foreign correspondence, the chairman being out of health and the other two members pre-occupied, enters upon the duty of examining the proceedings of some twenty Grand Chapters with a zeal, ability and fidelity worthy of his high masonic character. Such examples are worthy of all commendation, not only as an instance of devotion to the interests committed to his charge, but as exhibiting a just appreciation of the value of such a review of what is passing in the masonic world.

To this address, or rather report, we are indebted for information upon many important topics. We learn that there are now twenty-four Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. Texas being the last added to the list, leaving Virginia, Florida, and the Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, whose precise masonic relations and character, and particular standard of government and practice we cannot learn, without the pale. We thank our esteemed and M. E. Companion for his complimentary notice of us, but most of all do we prize the commendation he is pleased to give to our views upon certain questions now under discussion in Royal Arch Masonry. The truthful and touching notice of the virtues and character and great masonic zeal of our departed M. E. Grand High Priest, ORVILLE HUNGERFORD, meets with a response in many a sorrowing heart in this jurisdiction, and it reminds us that we are again shrouded in mourning for the loss of our presiding officer, fallen not by any delinquency, but in the fullness of his fame, and in the midst of active duty, without a blot upon his memory. It is the eulogium of a friend, but there is reality in every line of the portraiture.

There are none who can read the eloquent and affecting terms with which this address concludes without emotion. The lapse of time, which is the test of truth, is described by a beautiful figure, and the admonition which it gives to the performance of appropriate duty we trust will not fall upon sluggish ears, but make each strive to become fit for that promised reception on high, which a Heavenly Master alone can give.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence refers to the address of the Grand High Priest as obviating the necessity of a report. The Grand Chapter ordered a sufficient number of copies of their proceedings to supply every Royal Arch Mason on the returns of the several Chapters with a copy.

Comp. FRENCH is still Grand High Priest, and JOSEPH ROBINSON, of Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

Another Grand Chapter added to the welcome list of our correspondents, and right cordially is it greeted. It was organized at Springfield, on the 9th of April, 1850, under the authority of M. E. Comp. WILLIS STEWART, General Grand King—seven Chapters being represented; and its officers were installed by Z. P. CABINISS, Grand High Priest. A provisional Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, were adopted, which are yet in force.

The first annual meeting was held at Alton, on the 14th October, 1850, at which nothing but local business matters were transacted. The second annual meeting was held at Jacksonville, on the 3d October, 1851, at which twelve Chapters were represented. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, previously appointed, made no report, because no proceedings had come to hand. A Council of High Priests was held during the session, at which the degree was conferred upon six candidates. And before the close of the session an exemplification of the *work* and lectures in all the degrees was given before the Grand Chapter by the Grand High Priest.

A resolution was adopted by which the Chapters were *ordered* not to confer the Royal and Select Master's degrees.

JAMES V. Z. BLANEY, Grand High Priest, and HARMAN G. REYNOLDS, of Knoxville, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NORTH CAROLINA, FLORIDA, TEXAS, OHIO AND WISCONSIN.

From these eight Grand Chapters (all excepting Florida, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter) we have not received the proceedings, but we are indebted for what information we are able to give concerning them to the reports of other Grand Chapters.

Massachusetts, as we learn from the report of M. E. Comp. FRENCH, has not published her proceedings since 1841, but enjoys great and deserved prosperity. Rev. BENJAMIN HUNTOON, Grand High Priest, THOMAS WATERMAN, Boston, Grand Secretary.

Rhode Island, we are informed, from the same source, is in like healthful condition, and publishes an abstract of her proceedings once in three or four years. THOMAS WHITAKER, Grand High Priest, WILLIAM C. BARKER, of Providence, Grand Secretary.

From *New Hampshire* none of our correspondents have received printed proceedings since her annual communication, in 1850. Nothing of unusual interest appears to have transpired, and her Committee on Foreign Correspondence failed to report, although impressed with the importance of so doing. DANIEL BALCH is Grand High Priest, and HORACE CHASE, of Concord, Grand Secretary.

North Carolina.—We have the proceedings of the annual session, June 8d, 1850, at Wilmington, reported by two or three Grand Chapters. The report on foreign correspondence is spoken of in high terms, and appears to have fully discussed two or three important questions, to which we shall hereafter refer. This Grand Chapter appears to be increasing in strength and prosperity. P. W. FANNING, Grand High Priest, and R. G. RANKIN, of Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

Florida is in a state of rebellion against the authority of the General Grand Chapter, and sympathizes with Virginia, although a feud is still pending between them, without any common superior to arbitrate between them.

The annual communication reported was held at Tallahassee, January 14th, 1851.

The report on foreign correspondence we judge to have been an able production, and the extracts we have seen are pointed and well written, and confined mainly to two topics, the Council degrees and oppugnation to the General Grand Chapter, of which last and its closing proceedings they have drawn a picture, highly colored it is true, but requiring an inscription to enable *those who were there* to recognize any of the lineaments of the original; but she has established a library, which redeems it all. H. R. TAYLOR, Grand High Priest, JOHN B. TAYLOR, Tallahassee, Grand Secretary.

Ohio appears to have spent her time at the last annual communication reported in the business transactions of her Grand Chapter. We think that a devotion to such interests is time well and profitably spent, and will

advance the great interests of the institution. This session was held at Cincinnati, October 16th, 1850. JACOB GRAFF is Grand High Priest, and B. F. SMITH, of Mt. Vernon, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of *Wisconsin* was organized on the 18th February, 1850, at Madison, and, as we learn, "entered with zeal upon its duties," and "with every prospect of success," and their proceedings exhibit skill and order. Like most of the Grand Chapters here mentioned, the proceedings of 1851 had not come to the hands of our correspondents. She has our most cordial good wishes for her future success and prosperity.

DWIGHT FOSTER LAWTON, Grand High Priest, and WILLIAM R. SMITH, of Mineral Point, Grand Secretary.

And, finally, we have to hail the advent of a new-born jurisdiction in *Texas*, whose Grand Chapter has been regularly organized, and its last annual communication held at Huntsville, on the 23d June, 1851. We learn from the Maryland report that her proceedings indicate prosperity and harmony, but that nothing of general importance transpired. Of the names of her grand officers we are not informed. We wish that her future condition may be as sunny as the skies above her.

As a matter of curiosity we also add the names of the officers of the "M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter" of *Pennsylvania*, elected at their annual communication, held at Philadelphia, on the 1st December last, and for which we are indebted to the *Masonic Mirror*, published in that city (an excellent periodical, by the way, with which the *Key-Stone*, the "official organ" of the Grand Lodge of this State, has become incorporated). EDWARD P. LESCURE, Grand High Priest, WILLIAM H. ADAMS, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

Of this Grand Chapter we know little, and are unable to learn more from the veil of mystery thrown around the proceedings of the fraternity in that State. We understand, however, that her work and organization correspond with those of English Royal Arch Masonry, and for this reason and others well known to Royal Arch Masons, she is not in correspondence with the other Grand Chapters of the Union. We have our hopes that the establishment of two masonic periodicals in that State may arouse her Companions and Sir Knights to a sense of their isolated and exclusive position, and thus bring her into intimate connection and fraternal communication with the Grand Chapters of the United States.

The following will exhibit the comparative strength of the several grand bodies, by showing the number of subordinate Chapters in each, as far as can be gathered from the returns :

Tennessee, 33	Georgia, 27	Indiana, 22	Illinois, 18
Virginia, 30	Louisiana, 12	Conn., 17	Texas, 9
Alabama, 51	Missouri, 11	Maine, 7	N. York, 47
Mississippi, 32	Kentucky, 48	Vermont, 7	R. Island, 4
Michigan, 7	Arkansas, 4	Maryland, 7	Mass., —

The preparation of this list shows us that we had wholly, but unintentionally overlooked our Companions of *South Carolina*, whose Grand Chapter forms one of the bright links in our masonic confederacy, and it is because

we have not heard from her directly, or through the medium of our correspondents. But the *Masonic Miscellany* of R. W. Bro. MACKEY assures us that, while but little business was transacted at the semi-annual meeting on the 4th November last, yet that there is an increasing spirit of Royal Arch Masonry in this State. A Warrant was granted to a new Chapter at Laurensville, and the Deputy Grand High Priest, Comp. MACKEY, announced that applications were about being made for the organization of four more Chapters. We rejoice at the bright prospects of success and increasing usefulness.

JOHN H. HONOUR, Grand High Priest, F. C. BARBER, Charleston, Grand Secretary.

The address of M. E. Comp. SCOTT, of Mississippi, before alluded to, showing the intimate connection between the mysteries of Free Masonry and the plan of redemption in the New Testament, is a production of rare merit and excellence, and will enhance the high reputation of the author as a masonic writer.

Rev. Comp. LINN's address is a noble and eloquent production, belonging, however, more properly to the province of Craft Masonry than the Royal Arch.

The tract on Free Masonry of Comp. CRANSTON, both in its manner and matter proves rather conclusively that his Chapter acted correctly in suspending him, and perhaps it was an expression of thankfulness that it was no worse, that prompted its publication.

The manifesto of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, we deeply regret ever to have seen published, not upon the account of this Grand Chapter, but their own.

We perceive that our Vermont Companions have taken the matter in hand, and referred it to a Select Committee, and we have entire confidence to believe that they will give it a thorough, candid, and impartial examination. But we respectfully suggest that this Chapter having appealed to the General Grand Chapter, her publication, as well as the action of Vermont, is somewhat premature. Pending the appeal there should be no expressions of opinion on the part of those who may be called upon to act in a judicial capacity, not even on the principle involved. But as this course has been adopted (and we charge no improper motive in it), it is but just that we also should make a statement of facts.

We need not enter into any detail of the occurrences in the Grand Lodge of this State, in June, 1849. Suffice it to call attention to the fact that the Grand Lodge, presided over by Grand Master WILLARD, and which has been sustained by the masonic voice of the world, with a single exception in Europe, expelled some eight individuals by name. At the session of this Grand Chapter in February following, one of these individuals presented himself as a Representative from ANCIENT CHAPTER, having been elected its High Priest. On the first day of the session a Companion, high in the confidence of this grand body for his masonic rank, worth, and intelligence, offered resolutions excluding *by name* from the Grand Chapter those who had been thus expelled by the Grand Lodge. These resolutions were referred to a Committee, of which one of this Committee was a member. In lieu of

reporting back the resolutions thus referred to them, the Committee simply reported a resolution declaratory of what they conceived, and what has since been abundantly confirmed, to be the masonic law on the subject. For this they received personally the thanks of the individual in question, in thus sparing his feelings by any allusion to his name, and he, with a sense of honor, and with a delicacy and sense of propriety which drew forth expressions of approbation from the body, withdrew from it, on the adoption of the resolution, after a long and spirited discussion, because the mover and other eminent Companions, declared that they could not, consistent with a sense of duty, sit with one who was an expelled Mason. They had only consented to do so up to that time, lest previous legislation should have misled, and because, as a body, no official intelligence had been communicated to them of the expulsion. He appealed to the General Grand Chapter, who, after an examination of the facts, fully sustained our Grand Chapter in their position. But after all this had transpired, as if in open defiance of our authority, they passed certain resolutions recognizing the Phillips Grand Lodge, and continued to retain in membership the same person. For this act of contumacy a complaint was entered against them, and the matter referred to a Committee. Pending the reference such explanations were made as induced the Grand Chapter to permit the High Priest to withdraw a certain paper or protest of the Chapter submitted, and which was deemed offensive and disrespectful to it; but leaving the complaint still in the hands of the Committee. It changed the whole tenor of the report which had been prepared, and induced the Select Committee, in a spirit of charity and forbearance, to report resolutions of instruction to the subordinate Chapter, failing to do which she was subsequently suspended by the acting Grand High Priest, and from this action she has appealed.

Giving that Chapter all the benefit she claims from the report in the case of Comp. HARRIS, in 1849 (and we insist that the views therein taken, as to a decision between rival Grand Lodges in *another jurisdiction*, are sound in principle and the only safe ones in practice), yet we cannot see how she can justify herself for her contumacious acts after the proceedings of February, 1850, and especially after the action of 1851, by which she was not required to pass any affirmative resolution as to which was the true Grand Lodge of the State, but simply to repeal a resolution which she had adopted on that subject, in defiance of her own rule of construction *not* "to decide between conflicting claims." And here we leave this subject to the decision of the proper tribunal.

We have thus, Companions, as briefly as the case would admit, given a hasty review of the present position, and the prospects of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States. We found the field unusually wide, and the fruits and flowers within tempting, and if we have lingered too long in the pleasant paths spread out before us, we offer the facts as our best apology. With some few comments upon topics which have arisen and been discussed with much learning and great force and zeal in different jurisdictions, we close our labors. But before thus proceeding, we deem it due to the memory of the illustrious dead, for a single moment to introduce the notes of heartfelt sorrow in the midst of this joyous prospect, and to pay a passing tribute to

departed worth. Death has been busy during the past year, and stricken down some of our best and brightest Companions, and we should not forget our bereavements even in the proudest hour of our triumphs.

DEATHS.

Scarcely had the Companions of this body reached their homes after the last session, when we were called upon to mourn the death of our M.: E.: Grand High Priest, ORVILLE HUNGERFORD. We have already given the feeling tribute to his memory of M.: E.: Comp. FRENCH; and that from M.: E.: Comp. TUCKER, of Vermont, in that Grand Chapter, is not less worthy of introduction here. We give it to you entire:

"This afflictive event demands from us an expression of deep sympathy. Our personal acquaintance with the M.: E.: ORVILLE HUNGERFORD was very brief, but occurred under circumstances which necessarily exhibited some leading traits of character. We can speak of his independent personal opinion, and of his promptness in correcting unintentional error; two qualities not always united in the most talented mind. We join the Grand Chapter of New York in sorrow for the loss of a faithful leader and an accomplished officer."

We sincerely thank our Companions for their sympathy in our sorrows, and join with them in their just estimate of the character of the deceased. More we will not add relative to our lamented chief, as it will be the province of another to do justice to his worth, and strew the cypress over his ashes.

Mississippi laments the death of her Deputy Grand High Priest, DABNEY LIPSCOMB, and Louisiana also her Deputy Grand High Priest, THOMAS R. PATTEN, and Connecticut also mourns the decease of her Grand King, CHAUNCEY BURGESS. In each of these grand bodies appropriate resolutions were adopted expressive of their sense of the personal and masonic worth and virtues of the departed, and of their sorrow at their bereavement. And these several touching memorials are better than proud monuments over their dust, and speak with more force to the living, as incentives to fidelity and truth.

South Carolina, and indeed the Union, has sustained a severe loss in the recent death of M.: E.: JOEL R. POINSETT, Past Deputy General Grand High Priest, whose eminence as a statesman and high character as a Mason are widely known and as fully appreciated. In the midst of the cares of State, and while at the head of an executive department, his heart was with his Brethren; nor did treachery or obloquy or the dark gloom which settled upon them in their hours of peril cause him to falter, but only served to make him, like the noble LIVINGSTON, cling more firmly to the faith, and step forth to the rescue.

Indiana has also been afflicted. AUSTIN W. MORRIS, her faithful and excellent Past Grand Secretary, is no more. The sorrows of his Brethren are the most expressive tributes to his sterling worth.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

Most of our correspondents have commented on and criticised the doings of this body at its last meeting. The preponderance of opinion is largely in

favor of the propriety and utility of that body, but we do not propose to follow up these questions. We introduce the subject simply for the purpose of saying that our strictures last year upon the failure or neglect of the General Grand Chapter to pass upon important questions long discussed, and which have given rise to wide differences of opinion and even irritation of feeling, are re-echoed from Missouri, Kentucky, and Maryland; which last in commenting upon the Kentucky report, says that it "administers a wholesome rebuke to the General Grand Chapter for the evident fear it has exhibited in coming square up to the absolute decision of all questions that may legitimately come before it." And again, "it is to be hoped that it will come resolutely up to the performance of its duty in that particular."

Neither shall we pause to correct some errors of fact into which Virginia and Florida seem to have fallen, but barely allude to another topic, the proposition from Mississippi for a general masonic convention, upon which we agree with Maine; and to which we invite the attention and action of this grand body; and that of Missouri for a dissolution of the General Grand Chapter, the reasons for which do not strike us as very conclusive.

APPEAL FROM HIGH PRIEST.

This question, which originated in Georgia, and was decided by the General Grand Chapter in 1850, is a topic touched upon by most of our corresponding bodies. Missouri takes broad ground on the subject and almost finds fault with the General Grand Chapter for noticing the matter, saying: "The propriety of declaring by *resolution* what is admitted to be a regulation from *time immemorial* is to your Committee rather questionable." The Grand High Priest of Tennessee thinks it was "appropriately disposed of"; so thinks the Grand High Priest of Georgia, and Kentucky expresses no disapprobation; nor does Connecticut. Indiana and Vermont are of a different opinion. The former falls into the singular error of supposing that the matter was laid on the table and not disposed of, and blames the General Grand Chapter for not acting. She thinks the middle ground is the right one to occupy—that there are many questions of order, and those growing out of the construction of written Constitutions, By-Laws, and rules, which ought to be the subjects of appeal, but in every other case the decision of the presiding officer to be final; and they conclude by saying that, "to say it shall be allowed in no case is going too far." Vermont waxes decidedly warm on the subject, and denies the authority for the rule which Missouri thinks unquestionable. She says it is not to be found in the *Ahiman Rezon*. Probably not, for our brief acquaintance with the subject of masonry has inculcated the lesson, that there are a *great many truths* in masonic matters which never entered into the philosophy of Lawrence Dermott. The conclusion of the matter by them is about the same as Indiana—a middle ground between ceremonial and legislative questions. We think it would require another regulation to determine the exact position in which the chair was placed at the time the question arose; and when he had on the robes of High Priest, or those of chairman; or to have two presiding officers, one for work and one for business. We have heretofore expressed our opinions on this point, and we only cite their attention to what Maryland says on the subject, and the quaint

reply which is given to the illustration made of the first Grand Council at Jerusalem, by pointing to the effect which would have been produced by the workmen at the second temple appealing from Haggai, Joshua, or Zerubabel, or either of them, and putting them down on a question of order, and adding "that such a state of things would have practically aided still less in the erection of the second temple."

CONFERRING THE DEGREES ON MAIMED MASONS.

Virginia takes strong ground against deviating from the Ancient Landmarks, and cannot understand "how it is possible for a man under such a disability, either to receive the degrees in masonry, impart them, or be recognized as a *regular made Mason*," and "much regrets to find *one* instance of so wide a departure from the *demands* of masonry." Missouri is equally decided against conferring the degrees upon an one-armed man, and puts it upon the ground both of regularity and expediency, in a brief but cogent argument. Several other Chapters have spoken on the subject, but have expressed no opinion. As we are desirous to have this Grand Chapter express *their* opinion on the subject, we will not hesitate to give *our* reasons for believing that such a thing ought not to be tolerated. It is contended by those who favor this proceeding, that in view of the speculative character of Free Masonry, that the rigid rule, if such existed, should be abated in view of the present speculative character of the institution. But we do not put the question solely upon this ground, though we might reply that if the barrier was broken down, in these days of woman's rights and progress, masonry might speedily become "androgynous" in all its degrees. Nor is there more force in the position in favor of compassion on the unfortunate. We hope Masons will never be deaf to its voice, but we also hope that they will never be unmindful of sterner duty. If uniformity of work is desirable, how can it be effected with the aid of the maimed, the halt, and the blind. We believe in the importance of the five senses, and especially the first three, "hearing, seeing, and feeling," and if either of them are deemed unimportant, which, or why not all. If he lose one of them we may pity his misfortune, but ought not to carry our pity further by overleaping more important considerations. Nor is the case strengthened by supposing that the misfortune occurred after he became a Master Mason. It is still his misfortune, but he never could properly bring up work for inspection, or have his bad work masonically disposed of, or incur the forfeiture consequent upon it, in at least *one-half* of the cases. It is simply an impossibility, and it would be an imposition deserving the severest punishment for a Chapter to undertake the performance of the farce. And though Lord Nelson on the eve of Trafalgar might have been a proud acquisition to the institution, better to have it confined to the humble and the lowly, than to lay rash hands upon the ark of our ancient regulations, in which our safety reposes; because all experience demonstrates that they are mostly consistent with modern expediency—if, as we believe, to do right is the best expedient. We conclude, therefore, that the same causes which should preclude a man from entering into the institution, should prevent his advancement in it. If within our pale, and he becomes so maimed and disfigured that there is but "enough body left to contain his soul," a thousand

arms would still be thrown around him as a *Brother*, but not as a *Companion*. The building of the second temple was with arms in *one hand*, while they wrought with the *other*, and so let us ever work in our speculative enterprise —with *both hands*.

REPRESENTATIVE FUND.

This question, which is one deeply interesting to many of the younger Grand Chapters distant from the proposed seat of the General Grand Chapter, deserves our notice at the present session, it having been deferred for the purpose of collating opinions upon it. These distant Grand Chapters labor under great difficulties, and are put to great expense in defraying the expenses of delegates, and it is proposed to levy an assessment of \$50 on each Grand Chapter to create a fund, from which fund one Representative from each Grand Chapter shall receive mileage at the rate of three cents, by the nearest mail route, going and returning, and \$1.50 for each day actually in attendance.

Of nine Grand Chapters who have spoken on the subject, Michigan and Missouri are decidedly opposed, and have passed resolutions against it; Louisiana is in favor, regarding the resolutions as "both equitable and expedient"; and so is Maine; Indiana and Vermont, without expressing any decided opinion, have presented considerations favorable to it; and Georgia, Connecticut, and Kentucky, express no opinion. As it is a question referred to this Grand Chapter for its opinion, and one which can be understood by every Companion in all its bearings, we forbear making any further suggestions on the subject.

LOCATION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

It will be remembered that a proposition is pending to amend the Constitution so as to fix the permanent location at Baltimore. While we are in favor of a permanent location, we have no particular partialities as to the place, but it is a subject upon which we think an expression of your views should be made.

The Chapters which have noticed the matter express no opposition, but Kentucky suggests that some city further west should be selected.

CONSTITUTIONAL DEGREES.

Kentucky and Vermont express much regret that no action was taken by the General Grand Chapter in relation to this point; as an examination of the section in question involves more important considerations of duty and action to the conscientious Mason than at first appear. Vermont thinks it would be better if no such provision existed at all; and such is our impression, and we regret that this view of it had not been presented at Boston.

CHARTER FEES.

Kentucky, North Carolina, and Vermont, concur in the views heretofore expressed by this Grand Chapter on the subject of the price of Charter fees, and the propriety of leaving the matter in the control of the several States. It is a regulation which should be purely local, and we regret to see the General Grand Chapter so tenacious on the point.

UNIFORMITY OF WORK.

The action of the General Grand Chapter on this important point seems to be very uniformly approved. Virginia, it is true, enters a caveat against some things which *were not done*, they having been misinformed, and hers is the solitary voice of one dozen correspondents who have alluded to it. We deny that any innovations have been made upon the Landmarks of the Royal Arch, or any other degree; and if they will again look at the report of the Committee, and see how little differences of opinion they declare to have found, and the utter impossibility of reconciling those differences, so as to procure "perfect sameness of expression," which they did not deem to be necessary, they will be less disposed to indulge in severe criticisms. The object was to remove and reconcile "essential differences," and that they hoped to have accomplished. It is not the first time that we have heard the work of many an expert Mason and master builder criticised upon the strength of hearsay testimony, and yet when it "passed the square," was found to be "true, tried, and trusty."

WANTON PROFANITY.

Michigan says: "We find some of the Chapters are disciplining their members for wanton profanity. This is right; for we are always reminded of the reverence due to that great, holy and mighty being." And they then copy the similar sentiments of Mississippi. Alabama also alludes to the same matter; and they add: "We, on our part, incline to the opinion that subordinate Chapters already possess that power" (that is of disciplining their members for profanity), "as we hold that wanton profanity is clearly unmasonic."

We deem it unnecessary to add a single word to sentiments so briefly, truly, and happily expressed, and which have already met the approbation of your Committee in former years.

TRIAL OF HIGH PRIESTS.

Virginia, in 1850, adopted this resolution: "That no subordinate Chapter has a right to try a Present or Past High Priest without his consent, but that he is entitled to a trial by a Committee of Present or Past High Priests."

So far as this resolution relates to Present High Priests, we concur in the sentiments expressed in the resolution. It has already been held that the Master of a Lodge cannot be tried by it, and the same principle, which is a correct one for obvious reasons, we doubt not should apply to a High Priest. But we do not believe that the same rule should apply to Past High Priests, at least in the broad latitude here asserted. It is possible that there are some things growing out of the degree of High Priesthood which should properly be determined by a Council of High Priests alone. But these are exceptions to the general rule, which do not shake it. After a Companion has ceased to preside, we do not know of any sanctity with which he is invested, or peculiar privileges which exempt him from trial by his Companions, any more than if he were a Past Royal Arch Captain. Believing masonry to be

essentially republican in its organization, we cannot consent to any doctrine which points to the establishment of a privileged order.

INSTALLATION OF HIGH PRIESTS.

We have already given the facts of a case arising in Maryland, in 1850, where the Grand High Priest refused to install a Companion to preside over a Chapter who had not received the degree of High Priesthood. The very high authority from which it emanates entitles it to a careful examination and full respect. The intelligent Committee to whom the subject was referred, place it solely upon constitutional grounds, and not on any peculiar features in the particular case, and they state that the doctrine had previously received the sanction of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, in 1829. Then the Committee, consisting of PHILIP P. ECKEL and others, took the position, that if it is requisite that the Master of a Blue Lodge should receive the degree of Past Master before he can be installed, which is unquestionable, then in a ten-fold ratio the presiding officer of a Chapter must have first been regularly anointed as a High Priest; and they assert that it is a landmark which even a Grand Chapter has not power to alter or remove.

The Committee, in the case before us, refer to the 1st section of the 4th article of the General Grand Chapter, which prescribes the ceremonies in constituting new Chapters and installing its officers (and the latter is used on all other occasions) as authority for their position, and which they declare themselves solemnly bound to obey. They allude to the passage in the installation, where all but High Priests and Past High Priests are desired to withdraw, while the new High Priest is solemnly bound to the performance of his duties, and where other necessary ceremonies are performed, *not proper to be written*; and to the address of the Grand High Priest which follows, in which he declares the new High Priest to be duly installed and *anointed*.

We think there is much force in the positions assumed by our Maryland Companions, not only in consequence of the new obligations to the performance of duty thus imposed, and the impropriety of assuming the pontifical robes, except in the prescribed manner, but also upon principle and authority as above presented. It certainly deserves and ought to receive the careful and serious attention of this Grand Chapter, and if the position be sound and tenable, it should outweigh all considerations of convenience or expediency.

PAST MASTER'S DEGREE.

The Grand High Priest of Michigan assumes the position that it is irregular to confer this degree upon a Master elect of a Blue Lodge by a number of Past Masters, assembled without the sanction of a regular Chapter, and cites in its support the 9th section of the 1st article of the General Grand Constitution, and the Constitution of his Grand Chapter, giving Chapters control of this degree, a provision existing in almost every other Grand Chapter Constitution in express terms. He infers, therefore, that, it being a constitutional degree, those who confer it out of Chapter act in a clandestine manner.

His Grand Chapter sustained his views and adopted a resolution, that the conferring of the degree, except under the sanction of a legal Warrant from the Grand Chapter, is clandestine and unmasonic.

As stated by him, the Grand Lodge of that State had previously taken action on that subject, he having presented it to their notice as Grand Master, and to this the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in the Grand Lodge of New York, in 1850, make answer. They deny the position assumed by Michigan, and insist that the ground taken by the Grand Master, that a Master elect may receive a suitable qualification to enable him to preside and take charge of his Lodge without encroaching on any of the Chapter degrees or Constitutions, is erroneous, because it is an ancient rule or usage; that the "Past Master's degree" cannot be dispensed with, and that no man can be duly qualified for the duties of the chair until he has received it, as he knows not what he *may* do and what he *must* do as Master without it; that any Present or Past Master who has received the degree, or any number of Chapter Past Masters, may confer it just as it is done in Chapter, except the ceremony of placing in the Oriental Chair, and all that succeeds it must be in the presence of all the Lodge members; that this is the practice in all countries; that Chapters, in fact, have no power or jurisdiction over this degree, having existed before the Royal Arch was cut off from the Master's, about fifty-five years before that time (1850); and that the powers of Chapters over the degree are a forcible and violent assumption, and cannot affect rights and usages which existed in Blue Lodges before Chapters and the Chapter degrees were known.

We have deemed it our duty to call attention to this subject, and have, we believe, fairly but briefly stated the antagonistic positions of the two eminent and intelligent Masons to whom we have referred: M. E. Comp. LEE, of Michigan, on one side, and Comp. HATCH, of New York, on the other. And here we leave it, satisfied that we could add nothing to the force of the argument on either side, and deeming that an expression of opinion on our part would invade the particular province of other Committees of this body.

HONORARY DEGREES.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of Michigan, regard the conferring of honorary or "side" degrees by Royal Arch Masons as in conflict with section 9, article i, of the General Grand Constitution, and say of them in addition: "We look upon these 'side degrees' as verbiage, having no authority of law for their basis, without any system, and conferred without any consideration, and are well calculated to make unnatural distinctions among Masons," and further that they are "innovations into (upon?) the body of masonry."

We shall not probably differ very widely from Michigan as to the intrinsic value of most of them, but with Vermont we deny that they are masonic degrees, and hence we think them harmless enough, to those who choose to cultivate them, and that the argument of Michigan is not as well matured as are the greater part of their positions and opinions.

ROYAL AND SELECT DEGREES.

Twelve Grand Chapters have written upon these degrees within the last twelve months, and although we cannot with truth say there are twelve different opinions on the subject, yet we can truly say that Royal Arch Masons are twelve times wider apart than when the matter was first broached. We shall not enter into any further examination of this subject for another twelvemonth.

CONCLUSION.

Such, M.: E.: and E.: Companions, is the annual review of Royal Arch Masonry in our country for a single year. Within a few years, like a stream long parched by the summer heat, but swollen by autumnal rains, it has, relieved from the burning effect of the fires of persecution, grown from a rivulet into a mighty and rushing river. In our own State an unexampled condition of prosperity is manifest, and if a note of discord occasionally falls upon the ear, it only serves to remind us that there were rebel angels even in the courts of the Most High.

Old familiar faces are clustering around us, and old familiar voices are falling upon our ears, in tones of cordial greeting, which denote that it is the heart's echo. And if from year to year we miss from our numbers some venerable gray-haired Companion, whom we loved and honored in past years, we find his place filled by some youthful "Most Excellent Master," prepared to seat the cap-stone in the Arch, in the day of our jubilee, and pressing forward in the discharge of those duties which our code of faith and practice enjoin upon him.

We can only say of our institution in the earnest language of the dying Italian patriot to his country, "*Esto perpetua*" (may it endure forever).

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. LEWIS, Jun.,

L. G. HOFFMAN,

WILLIAM SEYMOUR,

Committee.

Albany, February 3d, 1852.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That our confidence in the practical benefits and auspicious results growing out of the existence and action of the General Grand Chapter are unshaken, and that we are opposed to its dissolution.

2. *Resolved*, That we do not believe that Chapters have a right to confer the degrees upon Master Masons who have lost an arm, or who are otherwise not of hale and entire limbs.

3. *Resolved*, That we are in favor of a *permanent* location of the General Grand Chapter.

4. *Resolved*, That our Representatives to the next triennial session of the General Grand Chapter be instructed to endeavor to procure from that grand body an expression as to what are constitutional degrees, or to procure an amendment of the Constitution by a repeal of the section on that subject.

5. *Resolved*, That in our judgment wanton profanity in a Royal Arch Mason is an offence which subjects him to masonic discipline, and that Chapters be directed to enforce the rule.

6. *Resolved*, That in our judgment a Chapter has not power to try its High Priest while in office, for any offence.

7. *Resolved*, That the following subjects be referred to Committees to consist of three members each, to report at the present session: The propriety of establishing a Representative Fund by the General Grand Chapter; whether a High Priest can be installed and enter upon the duties of his office before receiving the degree of High Priesthood; and whether Chapters have such exclusive jurisdiction over the Past Master's degree, as to make the conferring of it by any others, not duly assembled as a Chapter, unmasonic and clandestine.

Resolved, That the report be adopted.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to consider the resolutions offered by the Committee, and the first resolution being again read, was adopted, as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That our confidence in the practical benefit and auspicious results growing out of the existence and action of the General Grand Chapter are unshaken, and that we are opposed to its dissolution.

The second resolution offered by the Committee being under consideration, debates were had thereon, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That the same lie upon the table.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to consider the remaining resolutions offered by the Committee, which were read and adopted, as follows:

3. *Resolved*, That we are in favor of a *permanent* location of the General Grand Chapter.

4. *Resolved*, That our Representatives to the next triennial session of the General Grand Chapter be instructed to endeavor to procure from that grand body an expression as to what are constitutional degrees, or to procure an amendment of the Constitution by a repeal of the section on that subject.

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Thereupon,

Resolved, That the subject of the propriety of a Representative Fund by the General Grand Chapter, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. ST. JOHN B. L. SKINNER, THATCHER, and LATEROPE.

Resolved, That the subject of the installation of High Priests be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. JUDD, BLOSS, and B. ENOS.

Resolved, That the subject of the jurisdiction of Chapters over the Past Master's degree, be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. BEARDSLEY, BINGHAM, and WILLIAMS.

Comp. KING, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the M.: E.: Deputy Grand High Priest as relates to the decease of the late Grand High Priest, made the following report :

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York :

The Committee to which was referred that portion of the address of the Grand High Priest relating to the decease of the M.: E.: ORVILLE HUNGERFORD, late Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, beg leave respectfully to report :

That Comp. HUNGERFORD departed this life, after a short illness, at his residence in Watertown, N. Y., in the month of April last. Early in life he formed a connection with the masonic fraternity ; and it is now twenty-nine years since the order of High Priesthood was conferred upon him in this Grand Chapter. He had successively occupied the offices of Grand King, Deputy Grand High Priest, and Grand High Priest of this body, and at the time of his death was occupying the last named office. In discharging the duties of these several stations, he manifested a high degree of intelligence, discretion, and masonic ability. In asserting his matured opinions he was firm and unwavering, yet in all his relations with the fraternity he was kind, respectful, courteous, and fraternal. In the walks of private life he was an honest, upright, and straight-forward man, and possessed of superior business talent. He was a warm and undeviating friend, but a plain and sincere one. As the enlightened representative of a highly intelligent constituency in the councils of the nation, where he occupied a position ever accorded to eminent worth and talents, he did honor both to the State of New York and to those whose commission he bore. In his death this Grand Chapter mourns the loss of a Companion whose name and whose example will long be cherished in hallowed remembrance as one of its brightest and most valued ornaments. The Committee, therefore, beg leave to present the following :

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of New York sensibly realize and deplore the afflicting dispensation of the Grand High Priest above, which summoned from the councils of this body its presiding officer, the lamented M. E. ORVILLE HUNGERFORD.

Resolved, That, as a token of respect for our departed Companion, the Hall of this Grand Chapter be shrouded in mourning during its present session.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter deeply sympathize with the bereaved widow and heart-stricken children of the deceased, in the untimely departure of their counsellor, protector, father, and their warmest earthly friend.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and hereby is instructed to prepare a suitable inscription to be placed in the record of our annual proceedings, and to send a copy of the same, with the report and resolutions, to the family of our deceased Companion.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FINLAY M. KING,
JOHN DAGGETT,
JOHN S. WEED,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and the resolutions were adopted.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year; and upon counting the ballots for the office of Grand High Priest, it appeared that M. E. OSCAR COLES, of the City of New York, was unanimously elected.

M. E. Comp. COLES expressed his grateful acknowledgments to the Grand Chapter for this distinguished mark of their confidence, and this manifestation of their approbation of the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the post most unexpectedly devolving upon him during the past year; but respectfully declined accepting the office.

Thereupon, on motion of Comp. St. J. B. L. SKINNER :

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter regret that our worthy Companion, M. E. OSCAR COLES, deems it necessary to decline the office of Grand High Priest to which he has just been elected; and that the thanks of this body are justly due, and are hereby tendered him, for the prompt, able, and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office of Grand High Priest devolved upon him by the death of our late lamented Grand High Priest, ORVILLE HUNGERFORD.

The Grand Chapter then further proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following officers were duly elected :

Hon. JOHN L. LEWIS, Jun., of Penn Yan, Judge of the County of Yates,	Grand High Priest.
JAMES W. POWELL, M. D., of New York,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
JOHN S. PERRY, of Troy,	Grand King.
SYLVESTER GILBERT, of Ogdensburgh,	Grand Scribe.
JOHN O. COLE, of Albany,	Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM SEYMOUR, of Albany,	Grand Treasurer.
Rev. SALEM TOWN, of Aurora,	Grand Chaplain.
JESSE P. MITCHELL, of Albany,	Grand Marshal.

JOHN PIERCE, of Albany, was appointed Grand Sentinel.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned till three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The officers elect, except the Deputy Grand High Priest, who was not present, were duly installed into their respective offices.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter made the following report:

That at the last session of the Grand Chapter there was received the following sums:

For dues from subordinate Chapters,	\$928 98
For bank dividends,	288 00
For Warrants for three new Chapters,	270 00
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	\$1,486 98
Expended at the last session,	1,639 04
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Leaving a deficit of	\$152 11
Received the sum loaned,	\$853 42
Interest on the same,	59 73
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	913 15
Balance,	<hr/>
	\$761 04
Of this sum \$750 was loaned at 7 per cent.,	750 00
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Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$11 04

There has since been received the following sums:

For dividends of Albany City Bank,	\$264 00
For dividends of Bank of Albany,	24 00
For Dispensation to Forest Chapter,	90 00
For Dispensation to Binghamton Chapter,	90 00
For revival of three Chapters,	75 00—
	543 00

The funds of the Grand Chapter consist of cash in the	
hands of the Grand Treasurer,	\$554 04
Loan as above stated,	750 00
Loan to G. W. Ryckman, and interest,	7,260 00
Balance in the hands of G. W. Ryckman,	57 91
Stock in Albany City Bank,	3,300 00
Stock in Bank of Albany,	300 00
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	\$12,221 95

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR COLES,
JOHN L. LEWIS, Jun.,
J. S. PERRY,
J. O. COLE,
WILLIAM SEYMOUR.

Albany, February 3d, 1852.

The report was read and accepted.

Comp. RICHMOND, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest as relates to the proceedings had in the matter of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, and the papers relating thereto, reported:

That they have had the same under consideration, and from the papers submitted to them and carefully examined, they find abundant and sufficient evidence and reasons to warrant and sustain the action of the Most Excellent the Deputy Grand High Priest, relative to ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, as set forth in his report to this grand body. Your Committee will not go into a lengthy discussion of the many questions growing out of this subject, but confine themselves to a brief reference to the principal points contained in the report of the Deputy Grand High Priest, and the evidence upon which his action was founded, and which have induced the Committee to recommend this grand body to sustain and confirm his acts relative to ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1. The main and important facts relative to the action of this Grand Chapter in the matter of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, are matters of record, and will be found in the printed proceedings of February last, 1851, to which upon reference it will be found that this Grand Chapter, in a spirit of conciliation, founded upon statements and assurances made to a Committee who had the subject under consideration, and to members of the Grand Chapter, did, upon those considerations and conditions, heal the difficulties then existing, by the action of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, and restore it to the respect and protection of the Grand Chapter, and to fellowship with the fraternity. In less than three months following the annual communication of the Grand Chapter, at which the above proceedings were had, the Most Excellent the Deputy Grand High Priest, April 3d, 1851, did declare the said ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, suspended, and demanded the return of its Warrant; said ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, having acted in violation and in defi-

ance of resolutions adopted by this Grand Chapter at its communication in February, 1850, and in violation of the condition and assurances which were the basis of the lenient action of the Grand Chapter at its annual communication in 1851. A copy of the proclamation declaring ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, suspended, was served on the High Priest of said Chapter by Comp. SEWALL FISK, of New York, and duly certified to, and the reply of the High Priest of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, noted thereon, which was, as appears by the papers, that he would report the action of ANCIENT CHAPTER to the Grand High Priest, OSCAR COLES. No reply in an official form, or return of the Warrant appears to have ever been made by ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, as appears upon the papers before the Committee. It appears, from papers submitted to your Committee, that some of the officers of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, had been expelled from the fraternity by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and that ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, has admitted to its sittings and allowed there to participate in its proceedings members who have been expelled by this Grand Chapter, and by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

These and other acts on the part of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, in violation of the laws and regulations of this Grand Chapter, and in denying the authority of the Grand Officers (as set forth in the report of the Most Excellent the Deputy Grand High Priest), your Committee would respectfully submit call for the decisive action of this Grand Chapter to defend its character, and authority of its officers. Therefore, your Committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions for the adoption of this Grand Chapter:

Respectfully, etc.,

CHAS. H. RICHMOND,
JOTHAM PURDY,
LUCIUS PARKER,

Committee.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter do approve, sanction, and confirm the action of the Most Excellent the Deputy Grand High Priest, OSCAR COLES, in declaring ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, of New York City, suspended, and demanding the return of its Warrant, etc., to this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter do declare the Warrant of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, forfeited, and said Chapter in a state of insubordination by denying the authority of this Grand Chapter, and withdrawing its allegiance therefrom.

The report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

The Standing Committee on Warrants reported:

That they had had the several application for Warrants under consideration, and examined the papers in relation to the Dispensations granted by the M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a Warrant be granted to TRACY ROBINSON, H. P., WILLIAM STEWART, K., WILLIAM BROWN, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Binghamton, in the County of Broome, by the name of BINGHAMTON CHAPTER, No. 139.

Resolved, That a Warrant be granted to STEPHEN MEERS, H.: P.:, JOHN W. SIMONS, K.:, ATHANASIOS COLOVELONI, S.:, and others, to hold a Chapter in the City of New York, by the name of METROPOLITAN CHAPTER, No. 140.

Resolved, That FOREST CHAPTER, No. 76, heretofore held at Fredonia, in the County of Chautauqua, be, and the same is hereby revived, by the name of FREDONIA CHAPTER, No. 76; that the said Chapter having paid \$90.00 for the Dispensation under which it is now working, the sum of \$60.00 be returned to them.

Resolved, That BRADLEY CHAPTER, No. 95, heretofore held at Bath, in the County of Steuben, be, and the same is hereby revived, upon the payment of the sum of \$30.00, and that LEWIS BILES be H.: P.:, WILLIAM HAMILTON, K.:, and JOHN R. GANSEVOORT, S.:, of said Chapter, which shall hereafter be known and distinguished by the name of BATH CHAPTER, No. 95.

Resolved, That LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 13, held at New Lebanon, in the County of Columbia, be, and the same is hereby revived, the terms and conditions contained in a resolution passed by this Grand Chapter on the 1st day of February, 5848, having been complied with; and that JOSIAH WAITE be H.: P.:, HENRY HULL, K.:, and CHARLES W. HULL, S.:, of said Chapter.

The report was accepted, and the resolutions were severally adopted.

The Standing Committee on Warrants made a further report favorable to granting a Warrant to PHILIP S. VAN HOUTEN, FITZGERALD TISDELL, CHARLES L. CHURCH, and others, to hold a Chapter in the City of New York, by the name of St. JOHN'S CHAPTER. Whereupon:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter do not agree with the Committee in their report.

The Standing Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of R. J. EVERETT, made a report setting forth the facts in the case, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the petition of R. J. EVERETT be placed in the hands of the Deputy Grand High Priest, for him to make a proper issue between PHOENIX CHAPTER and the petitioner; and that the Deputy Grand High Priest be empowered to act in the premises as shall be in his judgment right and proper.

The report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the propriety of establishing a Representative Fund by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, beg leave to report:

That they have had the subject under consideration, and have come to the conclusion that the proposition now before the General Grand Chapter to raise a Representative fund, in the manner proposed, is well calculated to ensure a representation in that body from remote Grand Chapters, and at the same time relieve them from a burthen that they are illy able to bear.

In view of the probable permanent location of the General Grand Chapter at some point near the seat of Government, your Committee believe the proposition in its operation will be equitable and just, and beg leave to introduce the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter recommend the adoption by the General Grand Chapter of the resolution proposed by a Committee of that body, at its last session, on the subject of establishing a Representative Fund.

ST. JOHN B. L. SKINNER,

GEO. H. THACHER,

W. E. LATHROP,

Select Committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Standing Committee on Charity made a report recommending donations to the amount of \$70.00, which was adopted.

On motion:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter will meet this evening at seven o'clock, for the purpose of witnessing an exemplification of work in the Royal Arch degree.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned till seven o'clock this evening.

SEVEN O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

An exemplification of work in the Royal Arch degree was made in the presence of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 1852.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

A petition from several Royal Arch Companions, residing at Camden, in the County of Oneida, was read, and referred to the M. E. Grand High Priest, with power to grant a Warrant upon the payment of the constitutional fee.

The Select Committee on Uniformity of Work made the following report:

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of a uniformity of work for the subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report:

That they know of no other way in which it can be accomplished, except by the appointment of *one* Grand Visitor or Lecturer, whose duty it shall be to visit every Chapter in the State and instruct them in the work that may be approved and adopted by this Grand Chapter. Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Council do appoint a competent Royal Arch Mason to visit every Royal Arch Chapter in the State, and instruct them in the work upon the several degrees conferred in Chapters, and that a salary and all reasonable expenses be paid by this Grand Chapter.

W. E. LATHROP,
Chairman Committee.

The report was accepted, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to consider the said resolution, when M. E. Comp. COLES offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That the Grand Council shall appoint a competent Royal Arch Mason whose duty it shall be to visit all Royal Arch Chapters in our State, and instruct them in the work of the several degrees conferred in Chapters; that the said Grand Visitor shall receive for his services the sum of \$1,000.00, which shall be paid by the Grand Chapter, and that each Chapter shall be required to pay into the funds of the Grand Chapter, yearly, the sum of \$10.00, to be appropriated toward the payment of said salary.

Resolved, That the same do lie upon the table until three o'clock this afternoon.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to consider the second resolution offered by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The resolution having been read, a motion was made to amend the said resolution by striking out the words "otherwise not of hale and entire limbs," and inserting the words "under any disability either to receive the degrees of masonry, impart them, or to be recognized as a regularly made Companion."

The question having been put, the said amendment was adopted.

The resolution as amended was again read, and was adopted, as follows:

2. *Resolved*, That we do not believe that Chapters have a right to confer the degrees upon Master Masons who have lost an arm, or who are under any disability either to receive the degrees in masonry, impart them, or be recognized as a regularly made Companion.

The Standing Committee on the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer reported :

That they had examined the same and find them correct; and that there was in the hands of the Grand Treasurer on the 2d of February instant, the sum of \$554.04.

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

The Grand Chapter was then opened in the Mark Master's degree, in due form.

The lecture of the Mark Master's degree was given by Comps. J. ENOS and E. WADSWORTH, Grand Visitors.

The Lodge of Mark Masters was closed in due form; and the Grand Chapter opened in the Royal Arch degree.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned till three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

At the request of the Grand Chapter, Comp. L. CARROL JUDSON delivered an able address and eulogy on the masonic institution, thereupon :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented to Comp. L. CARROL JUDSON for his eloquent address delivered before the Grand Chapter this day.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to consider the report of the Select Committee on Uniformity of Work; the amendment of M.: E.: Comp. COLES to the resolution offered by the Committee being under consideration, M.: E.: Comp. ROUSSEAU offered the following amendment, viz :

Resolved, That the subject of effecting a perfect uniformity of work in the several Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter be referred to the Grand Council; and that they are hereby directed, at their earliest convenience, to adopt such measures to accomplish so desirable an object, as they in their wisdom may deem proper and expedient.

The question having been put, it was carried in the affirmative, and the resolution adopted.

Comp. BEARDSLEY, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the resolution reported by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, on the subject of the Past Master's degree, made the following report :

Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the 7th resolution of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence as relates to the Past Master's degree, which reads as follows: "Whether Chapters have such exclusive jurisdiction over the Past Master's degree as to make the conferring of it by any others, not duly assembled as a Chapter, *unmasonic* and *clandestine*," beg leave to report:

That they have had the subject under consideration, and are of the opinion that the Past Master's degree, as a necessary appendage to the Master's degree, existed long before Chapters were established; and before Royal Arch Masonry was known; that it was a degree, or perhaps rather a ceremony necessary to be performed on all Masters elect, previous to their being installed, and common usage among ancient craft Masons duly authorized a Past Master to confer it. And your Committee believe that among ancient craft Masons in England (our *alma mater* in masonry), this degree is never conferred on a Master elect, but by a Past Master; that the craft in England acknowledge no other masonic body as having authority to confer this degree on a Master elect. And your Committee are informed that in no country, except the United States, are Chapters known as separate and distinct bodies from Lodges comprising the first three degrees of ancient York Masonry, with this degree connected; that the fifth or Past Master's degree as recognized in Chapters in this country is unknown in other countries, excepting so much of it as is necessary to be conferred on a Master elect. Your Committee believe that when Chapters were organized in this country they assumed the right to incorporate *this* with the other three degrees, and dignified it with the name of a degree, and appended to it some unessential ceremonies known to the members of the Chapter.

Your Committee are of opinion that this assumption by the Chapter did not, and never can, invalidate the right of Lodges to confer this degree on Masters elect by a Past Master, without infringing on the ancient landmarks of the craft.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Chapters have not exclusive jurisdiction over the Past Master's degree; and that when the same is conferred on Masters elect by a Past Master, according to ancient usage, it is not *unmasonic* and *clandestine*.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY G. BEARDSLEY,
S. S. BINGHAM,
GEORGE N. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

The question being then put upon the adoption of the resolution, it was carried in the affirmative.

Comp. JUDD, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence as relates to the installation of High Priest, made the following report:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of New York:

The Committee to whom was referred the question, "Whether a High Priest can be installed and enter upon the duties of his office before receiving the degree of High Priesthood?" respectfully report:

That they have had the subject referred to them under consideration, and have looked with some care and attention into the report of the Committee on Grievances, in respect to JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 9, in the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland, where this question seems lately to have been agitated, and the action of that Grand Chapter upon the subject:

It appears to your Committee that this question, in that particular case, was much affected by regulations peculiar to that jurisdiction, as well as by circumstances peculiar to that case itself, so much so, indeed, as greatly to impair the authority of the case in its application to the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter. Yet the importance of the question requires a candid examination of some of the authorities relied upon by the Maryland Committee for the conclusions to which they came. The principal authority to which they refer, is a provision contained in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States (article iv, section 1), which, in prescribing the manner in which new Chapters shall be constituted and their officers installed, says: "All the Companions, except High Priests and Past High Priests, are then desired to withdraw while the new High Priest is solemnly bound to the performance of his duties; and after the performance of other necessary ceremonies, not proper to be written, they are permitted to return." And again, further on in the same section, the form of address by the installing officer to the High Priest elect, is prescribed as follows: "In consequence of your cheerful acquiescence with the charges and regulations just recited, I now declare you duly installed and *anointed* High Priest of this new Chapter."

These provisions would seem to imply that, previous to installation, the High Priest elect should receive the degree of High Priesthood, and in absence of any other light upon the subject, your Committee would feel authorized to come to that conclusion. But as this is not an express or positive law, in terms directly requiring such a course of proceeding, and its authority upon the point in question arising only by construction and implication, it is necessary and proper to ascertain what construction of these provisions has obtained and been sanctioned within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

The Constitution of this Grand Chapter provides (article iv, section 2), that the election of officers in all Chapters under this jurisdiction shall take place on the regular meeting of such Chapter next preceding the festival of St. John the Evangelist, in each year, and be installed at the time of election, or within forty days thereafter. This provision taken in connection with the regulation obtaining in this jurisdiction, that the degree of High Priesthood be conferred only at the regular annual communication of this Grand Chapter, which is in February, would necessarily require in many cases the installation should take place before the High Priest elect has received the degree. In strict accordance with this, the uniform usage has prevailed within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter for a long succession of years, and even from the first institution of this Grand Chapter to the present time of installing the High Priest elect, whether he has or has not previously received the degree of High Priesthood. And there are now in this jurisdiction many excellent Companions, Past High Priests, who are in good and regular standing as such, and either now or heretofore members of this Grand Chapter, who not only did not receive the degree of High Priesthood before their installation in office, but have not yet received it.

This usage, thus uniform and of so long duration, open and notorious, and never disapproved either by this Grand Chapter or by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, your Committee regard as the established law upon the subject within this jurisdiction, and as the controlling construction of the provisions of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter before referred to.

The argument attempted to be drawn from the usage in the installation of Masters of the Masters' Lodges, who must, previous to the installation, receive the degree of Past Master, your Committee deem inapplicable to the question, the two cases being subject to different usages and laws not necessary now to explain.

Your Committee do not deem it material to urge the many important considerations derived from convenience and expediency which might be adduced in support of the usage above mentioned, and have confined their examination of the question proposed to other grounds and considerations.

After a careful examination of the subject, your Committee can see no good or sufficient reason at this late day to change this established usage, and introduce what may well be regarded as a useless innovation; and have come to the conclusion that a High Priest may lawfully be installed and enter upon the duties of his office before receiving the degree of High Priesthood, but at the same time they deem the injunction good and salutary which is laid down in the Masonic Chart, that "it is the duty of every Companion, as soon after his election to the office of High Priest as is consistent with his personal convenience, to apply for admission to the order of High Priesthood that he may be fully qualified properly to govern his Chapter."

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a High Priest may be installed and enter upon the duties of his office before receiving the degree of High Priesthood.

All which is respectfully submitted.

C. G. JUDD,
BENJAMIN ENOS,
Committee.

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

The question having been put on the resolution, the same was adopted.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 1852.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The M.: E.: Grand High Priest appointed Comps. F. M. KING, HOFFMAN, and SEYMOUR, a Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the ensuing year.

On motion of Comp. A. SKINNER :

Resolved, That MEXICO CHAPTER, No. 135, be authorized to hold meetings occasionally at the village of Fulton, in the County of Oswego.

On motion of Comp. EWING :

Resolved, That any Companion under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, may be restored on payment of his dues from the time of suspension, by the unanimous consent of his Chapter.

The lecture of the Royal Arch degree was then given by Comps. ENOS and WADSWORTH, Grand Visitors.

The Grand Secretary reported that HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4, NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 109, and RISING SUN CHAPTER, No. 131, had not made returns at the present session.

The minutes were read and approved.

Then the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

J. O. COLE,

Grand Secretary.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIVED.

Received for dues,	\$1,263 50
“ “ revival of Chapters, No. 39, 47, 96,	75 00
“ “ Dispensation to Binghamton and Forest Chapters,	180 00
“ “ bank dividends,	288 00
“ “ Warrant to Metropolitan Chapter,	90 00
“ “ revival of Bath and St. Lawrence Chapters,	60 00
“ from R. R. Boyd, for Dispensation to Eagle Chapter, Ithaca,	90 00
Total,	\$2,046 50

EXPENDED.

For pay of members,	\$1,036 10
Oscar Coles, P. D. G. H. P., for travel and attendance,	20 50
James S. French, P. G. S.,	81 00
John S. Perry, G. K.,	6 00
A. J. Rousseau, P. G. H. P.,	6 00
Ezra S. Barnum, P. G. H. P.	17 30
L. G. Hoffman, P. G. K.,	8 00
E. Gilbert, P. G. H. P.,	32 00
Joseph Enos, P. G. K.,	35 00
E. Wadsworth, P. G. S.,	8 00
Benjamin Enos, P. G. H. P.,	23 50
John L. Lewis, Jun., G. H. P.,	29 20
Jesse P. Mitchell, Grand Marshal,	18 00
John Pierce, Grand Sentinel,	18 00
“ “ per resolution,	12 87
L. Carrol Judson, per resolution,	15 00
For use of Masonic Hall,	25 00
John O. Cole, Grand Secretary, salary,	150 00
“ “ for postage, discount, etc.,	10 00
William Seymour, Grand Treasurer, salary,	50 00
C. Van Benthuyssen, for printing,	69 88
Repaid Forest Chapter,	60 00
Charity,	70 00
Balance,	295 15
Total,	<u><u>\$2,046 50</u></u>

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TO

The Memory of

ORVILLE HUNGERFORD,

LATE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK;

Who Died

*AT HIS RESIDENCE, WATERTOWN, JEFFERSON CO.,
APRIL 6, 1851.*

WIDELY KNOWN AND GREATLY ESTEEMED AS AN ENLIGHTENED
LEGISLATOR; DISTINGUISHED FOR HIS ADMIRABLE BUSINESS
QUALIFICATIONS AS A CITIZEN; THE AMIABLE
QUALITIES OF HIS HEART ENDEARED HIM
TO THE MASONIC FRATERNITY.

CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER.

NO.	CHAPTER.	TOWN.	COUNTY.	HIGH PRIEST.	KING.	SCRIBE.
2	Phœnix,	New York, ..	New York, ..	Thomas Dugan, Jun., No return.	Isaac V. Fowler,	J. Compton.
4	Hiram,	Eatontown, N. J.	Albany,	George H. Thacher,	William H. Wharton,	James Dickson.
5	Temple,	Albany,	Columbia, ..	John Hamlin,	George Barker,	Peter G. Coffin.
6	Hudson,	Hudson,	New York, ..	William B. Shove,	H. Dill,	S. C. Swartz.
8	Jerusalem,	New York, ..	Oneida,	Nathaniel Putnam,	Thomas Convis,	Heman Gregory.
22	Warren,	Bridgewater, ..	Saratoga, ..	Abel Meeker,	William Hawkins,	Hiram Boss.
23	Warren,	Ballston Spa, ..	Otsego,	Edward B. Crandal,	Henry Fish,	George W. Atkinson.
26	Oscego,	Coopersstown, ..	Oneida,	Nelson T. Stephens,	Samuel E. Day,	George Hart.
30	John the Baptist, ..	Moravia,	Cayuga,	Harvey Wilson,	Matthew Sittser,	Walter G. Simpson.
34	David's,	Auburn,	Genesee,	Lucius Parks,	Geo. W. L. Butterfield,	Stephen A. Wilson.
35	Western Star,	Auturn,	Ontario,	Luther Kelly,	S. M. Morrison,	E. Dakin.
36	Geneva,	Geneva,	Clinton,	St. John B. L. Skinner,	Jeremiah Scribner,	Samuel Emery.
39	Plattsburgh,	Plattsburgh, ..	Chemung,	Johan Purdy,	Squire Newton,	T. C. Edwards.
42	Elmira,	Elmira,	Tioga,	E. S. Madan,	John Ripley,	Henry McCormick.
47	New Jerusalem, ..	Owego,	Rensselaer, ..	Achille J. Rousseau,	Richard Bloss,	John S. Perry.
48	Apollo,	Troy,	Madison,	Jeremiah Wilber,	Henry G. Beardsley,	Isaac Phelps.
50	Cyrus,	Hamilton,	Montgomery, ..	Simon D. Kittie,	David Spencer,	P. Wetmore.
53	Hiram Union,	Canajoharie, ..	Oneida,	Ezra S. Barnum,	T. S. Faxon,	O. W. Whipple.
57	Oneida,	Utica,	Tompkins,	W. T. Huntington,	J. M. McCormick,	Caleb B. Drake.
58	Eagle,	Ithaca,	Jefferson,	Peter Horr,	Charles K. Loomis,	Joseph C. Farridge.
59	Watertown,	Watertown, ..	Monroe,	William E. Lathrop,	Samuel Richardson,	Nathaniel Clark.
62	Hamilton,	Rochester,	St. Lawrence, ..	Sylvester Gilbert,	Timothy G. Seward,	Nathaniel Taggett.
63	Ogdensburg,	Ogdensburg, ..	Cayuga,	Charles H. Richmond,	Joseph R. Smith,	William A. Kirby.
64	Aurora,	Aurora,	Jefferson,	Thomas S. Hall,	Isaac Van Vleck,	Daniel Harlow.
68	Sackett's Harbor, ..	Sackett's Harbor,	Onondaga,	Geo. A. Williams,	John W. Cook,	Jonathan P. Hicks.
70	Syracuse,	Syracuse,	Erie,	Nehemiah Case,	Jabez J. Rogers,	John Hebard.
71	Buffalo,	Buffalo,	Tompkins,	Nicoll Halsey,	Henry Taylor,	Lyman Strowbridge.
77	Fidelity,	Trumansburgh, ..	Niagara,	Harvey W. Campbell,	Myron L. Burrill,	George W. Lusk.
88	Ames,	Lockport,	Livingston, ..	Merritt Brown,	Jervis T. Beach,	Ebenezer B. Braca.
91	Danville,	Danville,				

92 Ovid,	Seneca,	Peter Himrod,	John Kinne,	F. C. Williams,
96 Rising Virtue,	Jefferson,	Roswell T. Lee,	Frederick Bell,	T. Converse,
100 Penn Yan,	Yates,	Charles G. Judd,	Elisha H. Huntington,	Alfred Reed,
101 Steuben,	Steuben,	John R. Stephens,	Nathan Stephens,	Abijah B. Case,
103 St. John's,	Saratoga,	John S. Weed,	Henry Peacock,	Stephen Hubbard,
105 Cazenovia,	Madison,	Enos Cushing,	William J. Hough,	Jarius French,
106 Greene,	Chenango,	Augustus Willard,	Robert Monell,	Warren Gray,
107 Morning Star,	Livingston,	John Newbury,	Alexander Martin,	George Smith,
108 Nassau,	Lima,	No return,		
109 Newark,	Brooklyn,	No return,		
117 Newark,	Wayne,	John Daggett,	David Daggett,	David P. Bostwick,
131 Rising Sun,	Saratoga Springs,	Joseph M. Wheeler,	Daniel D. Benedict,	Richard L. Allen,
132 St. Lawrence,	Canton,	Abiram Kingsbury,	Israel Tupper,	Orson D. Baker,
133 Phoenix,	Lansingburgh,	Samuel S. Bingham,	Daniel King,	Stiney D. Smith,
134 Champlain,	Whitehall,	E. S. Bascom,	C. Boardman,	D. S. Wright,
135 Mexico,	Mexico,	Bzaleel Thayer,	Avery Skinner,	Simon Le Roy,
136 Forestville,	Forestville,	Albert H. Camp,	Marshall Cass,	William Colville,
137 Mount Morris,	Mount Morris,	John N. Hurlbert,	Elias B. Driggs,	Lorin Coy,
138 Orient,	New York,	John B. Ewing,	Andrew J. Fisher,	William Work,
NEW CHAPTERS.				
139 Binghamton,	Binghamton,	Tracy Robinson,	William Stuart,	William Brown,
140 Metropolitan,	New York,	Stephen Meers,	John W. Simons,	Athanasius Colveloni,
CHAPTERS REVISED				
13 Lebanon,	New Lebanon, ..	Josiah Waite,	Henry Hull,	Charles W. Hull,
76 Fredonia,	Fredonia,	Chautauqua,		
95 Bath,	Bath,	Lewis Bliss,	William Hamilton,	John R. Gansevoort,

1853.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of New York,
convened in Temple Chapter Hall, in the City of Albany,
on the 1st day of February, 5853.

PRESENT:

M.: E.: JOHN L. LEWIS, Jun.,	Grand High Priest.
E.: JOHN S. PERRY,	Grand King.
" SYLVESTER GILBERT,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN O. COLE,	Grand Secretary.
" WILLIAM SKYMOUR,	Grand Treasurer.
Comp. JESSE P. MITCHELL,	Grand Marshal.
" JOHN PIERCE,	Grand Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.: E.: BENJAMIN ENOS,	P.: G.: H.: P.:
" EZRA S. BARNUM,	P.: G.: H.: P.:
" ACHILLE J. ROUSSEAU,	P.: G.: H.: P.:
E.: JOSEPH ENOS,	P.: G.: K.:
" LEWIS G. HOFFMAN,	P.: G.: K.:
" EBENEZER WADSWORTH,	P.: G.: S.:
" JAMES S. FRENCH,	P.: G.: S.:

And the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters, as follows:

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RECEIVED.	PAID.
2. Phoenix,	Thomas Dugan, Jun., A. H. Bartlett.	\$66 35	\$20 50
5. Temple,	G. H. Thacher, W. H. Wharton, E. Perry.	66 50	8 00
6. Hudson,	John Hamlin,	21 50	9 00
8. Jerusalem,	Hamilton Dill, E. W. Whipple.	54 36	20 50
13. Lebanon,	Josiah Waite, Henry Hull.	14 50	12 00
23. Warren,	Reuben Westcott, H. N. Hill.	9 00	11 00
24. St. Lawrence,	Henry R. Ames,	40 50	29 60
26. Otsego,	John O. Cole,	9 62½	
30. John the Baptist,	George Hart, William Wade.	19 00	27 00
34. David's,	Matthew Sittser, F. M. King.	34 00	25 30

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RECEIVED.	PAID.
35. Western Star, . . .	Horace M. Warren, . . .	\$30 00	\$35 00
36. Geneva, . . .	Luther Kelly, . . . S. M. Morrison.	23 15	28 00
39. Plattsburgh, . . .	St. John B. L. Skinner, . . .	13 37½	26 90
42. Elmira, . . .	Thomas Maxwell, . . . T. C. Edwards.	35 25	34 00
47. New Jerusalem, . . .	Edward S. Madan, . . .	20 50	33 00
48. Apollo, . . .	Joseph W. Churchill, . . .	46 00	8 00
50. Cyrus, . . .	Jeremiah Wilber, . . . Isaac Phelps.	15 50	18 00
53. Hiram Union, . . .	Joseph White, . . .	8 00	13 50
57. Oneida, . . .	Peter Brewer, . . . O. W. Whipple.	44 50	17 80
58. Eagle, . . .	W. T. Huntington, . . .	6 00	31 90
62. Hamilton, . . .	Sylvester H. Packard, . . .	32 37½	33 00
63. Ogdensburgh, . . .	Charles S. Simpson, . . .	20 50	29 00
64. Aurora, . . .	Nelson Peabody, . . .	15 50	27 00
68. Sackett's Harbor, . . .	Isaac Van Vleck, . . .	12 62½	30 00
70. Syracuse, . . .	George N. Williams, . . .	9 75	22 60
71. Buffalo, . . .	Nehemiah Case, . . .	81 00	38 50
76. Fredonia, . . .	David J. Matteson, . . .	25 50	45 00
77. Fidelity, . . .	Eli R. Wright, . . .	21 50	29 40
88. Ames, . . .	Peter P. Murphy . . .	27 00	39 00
91. Dansville, . . .	Aaron Brown, . . .	22 00	33 00
92. Ovid, . . .	Davidson Moshier, . . .	13 25	30 00
95. Bath, . . .	Lewis Biles, . . .	3 00	3 00
96. Rising Virtue, . . .	Roswell T. Lee, . . .	17 50	28 50
100. Penn Yan, . . .	Henry P. Sartwell, . . .	28 87½	29 20
101. Steuben, . . .	Nathan Stephens, . . .	54 00	34 00
103. St. John's, . . .	John S. Weed, . . . H. Peacock, W. Burnham.	12 00	12 00
105. Cazenovia, . . .	Enos Cushing, . . .	6 00	19 80
106. Greene, . . .	Warren Gray, . . .	14 00	20 00
107. Morning Star, . . .	Alexander Martin, . . .	38 75	31 60
117. Newark, . . .	John Daggett, . . . V. G. Barney.	28 50	29 40
131. Rising Sun, . . .	J. M. Wheeler, . . . D. D. Benedict, R. L. Allen.	32 00	11 80
132. St. Lawrence, . . .	Paul Boynton, . . .	16 00	30 80
133. Phoenix, . . .	S. S. Bingham, . . . N. Weaver.	31 62½	8 00
134. Champlain, . . .	C. Boardman, . . . D. S. Wright, J. M. Austin.	7 50	11 50
135. Mexico, . . .	Bezaleel Thayer, . . .	13 63	23 40

CHAPTER.	REPRESENTATIVES.	RECEIVED.	PAID.
136. Forestville, . .	Albert H. Camp, . .	\$31 12½	\$40 00
137. Mount Morris, . .	John N. Hurlburt, . .	27 87½	35 00
139. Binghamton, . .	Tracy Robinson, . .	30 91	24 00
140. Metropolitan, . .	A. G. Bagley, . .	57 88	22 50
CHAPTERS U. D.:			
Zetland, . .	Charles L. Church, . .	38 00	
De Witt Clinton, . .	John Bolton, . .	4 00	
Wellsville, . .	Joseph Enos, . .	44 00	
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		\$1,880 28	\$1,179 50

The Grand Chapter was opened in the Royal Arch degree in due form.

The M. E. Grand High Priest addressed the Grand Chapter as follows:

Most Excellent Companions and Representatives:

As Royal Arch Masons, builders of the second temple, our most humble and grateful thanks are due, and should be devoutly rendered, to the Great Architect of the Universe, that we have been permitted to witness and participate in the fifty-seventh annual communication of this Grand Chapter. And leaving our several homes and avocations to assist in the labors and perform the duties incumbent on us in behalf of those we represent in this supreme legislature and judicial tribunal of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction, have we not been inspired with new zeal and formed new aspirations in view of the past, to be more faithful in the discharge of our respective duties and the fulfillment of our several obligations in the future? The burden of these obligations lie most heavily upon us in the circle of our homes, for if we keep not the fires burning brightly upon our own altars, and if we cease to labor as sojourners, after we have been admitted to the presence of the Grand Council, then we shall labor in vain in this Grand Council to bring beauty and order from the rubbish and materials in this more exalted scene of our operations. But there are associations connected with our assembling here which have quickened the pulse and caused the heart to throb as we approached this council chamber, and which cast the brightest charm around the ties which bind us together as a fraternity. Here our hearts have been enkindled together, and life-long attachments formed, and the suggestion has come home to us—shall we meet those venerable and honored fathers who have wrought so long, so patiently, so faithfully, and so well, and whose counsels have shed such bright beams upon our paths in the darkest hours? Shall the strong and the mighty, honored, esteemed, and respected, with whom we have labored and counselled in past years, be again in our midst? Shall we again sit in council or mingle in debate with the young, the enthusiastic, the generous, and the frank-hearted, who, in later years, have infused

their own glowing spirit into our transactions? Or has the angel of Death been abroad, and cut down our brightest hopes and severed the fondest ties?—or do oceans and continents separate us from beloved Companions, who once gladdened and adorned our council chamber with their presence? Casting my eyes around me and scanning your numbers, there is renewed occasion for thanksgiving that so many have been spared; and whilst we miss some venerated form or manly countenance, which we shall never more meet in this earthly tabernacle, and for whom we mourn with a manly sorrow as for a father and a brother, we greet so many well remembered faces, and recognize so many honored and esteemed Companions of former years, that there is once more joy and gladness even in the remembrance of the past, over which the dim shadows of time are creeping with a steady pace.

From every corner of our jurisdiction, from every Chapter in the State, comes up the welcome assurance, "we prosper!" The veteran is buckling on his armor for renewed labors, even in life's twilight; and those who stand in the South, and upon whom the sun's meridian rays are beaming brightly, catch the spirit and imitate the example. Let it not be our fault that this zeal and energy is repressed, and that those who build shall labor in vain, and that the hour of our prosperity shall be the hour of danger. It is not in numbers or quantity, but in durability, that the value of our materials consists and our strength lies; and let us, the Representatives of Royal Arch Masonry through the State, teach and preach the important but sometimes forgotten lesson, that the Sentinel's post in our Chapters is the true station of honor and weighty responsibility—that none shall pass it, however great or gifted, upon whom the *signet of truth* cannot impress an enduring stamp!

During the past year but little has transpired to communicate to you of moment or interest, but, in compliance with the custom of many of my predecessors, and with a view of presenting some subjects for your action, I now address you.

Shortly after the adjournment of the Grand Chapter, a petition, dated during its session, and addressed to the General Grand Chapter, was presented to the M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, and by him enclosed to me, from HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4, located at Eatontown, in the State of New Jersey, praying to be taken under the care of the General Grand Chapter, and asking our recommendation. Conceiving that there was no power in the grand officers during the recess to act in the premises, no steps have been taken in the matter. I avail myself of this occasion to recommend their petition, which is herewith presented to your most favorable consideration and speedy action. The causes which prompt the application are set out in the petition; and it may be added, that it is their wish and intention to unite with the other Chapters of the State in forming a Grand Chapter. I would further recommend, that upon payment of their dues to February last, all subsequent dues be remitted.

There has, I think, an error crept into the minds of Companions as to the powers of the Grand Council during the recess of this body, and a natural error, derived from the usages and customs in another masonic department. In my opinion, no powers can be exercised by the Grand Officers during the recess, except such as are reposed in them by the Constitution or by express

resolution of this Grand Chapter. Unlike the officers of the Grand Lodge, they cannot perform official acts by prescription or custom, and hence they are compelled to deny requests, proper and reasonable in themselves, but which should have been preferred to the Grand Chapter.

I also lay before you a petition of a constitutional number of Companions of SACANDAGA CHAPTER, No. 116, praying for leave to commence and continue their labors under their Warrant. For a like reason as above suggested, the want of power, the petition could not be granted, and I now ask your favorable consideration for it. From the character and standing of the petitioners, and from the facts set forth in their petition, I think them eminently deserving of the favor extended by the resolution of 1851, and trust that they may receive it at your hands. Two other similar applications have been presented within the year, in an informal manner, and disposed of in the same way, and will, probably, be presented in form during the session.

Your attention is especially invited to the resolution of 1851, to which I have referred, and the resolution of 1850, to which it is an amendment. Without discussing the propriety of the passage of the resolution of 1851, but simply to suggest to your minds whether it was consistent with plain constitutional provisions, I would call to your notice the fact, that the limitation in the resolution expires with the close of this session, and I think but few reasons can now be urged for its continuance. The pressing and overpowering necessity of the case has ceased to present the anomaly of a Constitution on one hand and an overriding resolution on the other. The suggestions of expediency will occur to you without further comment upon them; but it is not by any means intended to imply that such considerations should ever destroy the letter or the spirit of the fundamental law. I would recommend that the practice be in future discontinued, and that portion of the resolution of 1850 which is not repealed be enforced.

I would also call your attention to the propriety of renumbering the Chapters according to the dates of the respective Warrants of those in existence, allowing those which have been revived to be numbered and take precedence according to the dates of their original Warrants. This, if ordered by you, may be done by a Committee of your body, or by the Grand Secretary, after the close of the present communication, and added to the printed proceedings by way of appendix.

The subject of a continuous history of Royal Arch Masonry has heretofore attracted your notice and met the approbation of your body, and the Committee having the matter in charge have collected much valuable material for future use, and for which they acknowledge their deep obligations to the kindness and courtesy of the Companions who have furnished them. Their object has not been to *write* history, but to gather the fragments from which the chronicler may derive his facts and present the truth. They deemed it important to do this while the survivors of the early periods of history were yet upon the stage of action. Nor is a record of contemporaneous events less important. The actors of yesterday are the masonic ancestors of the actors of to-day. To catch the record as it passes, and daguerreotype it, is peculiarly the privilege of our day. We have the benefit of many faithful chroniclers of passing events, but none more worthy or valuable than the

Masonic Union, published by Comp. KING, and which is peculiarly the organ not of any grand body, but of New York masonry. It needs not our *official* patronage, but deserves and should receive our personal support. Hence it is not with the view of pecuniary aid, but as a valuable auxiliary to the masonic historian, that I would recommend to the Grand Chapter to purchase the former bound volumes, and become the subscribers to the present and future issues, to lay up in our archives. We have no masonic library, and yet who can tell from this small beginning what happy results may follow!

To the state of the funds of this Grand Chapter I solicit your close and accurate investigation. From the annual reports of the Trustees an impression goes abroad that our treasury is full, and that it is an act of mercy and duty to make such appropriations or to adopt such measures as to divert from it many of the channels by which it is to be replenished, to prevent the consequences of plethora. But a proper attention to the subject would not fail to satisfy Companions of two facts—first, that the annual income of this body, aside from the interest on its investments, does not pay its expenses including the compensation to Representatives; and second, that when the capital becomes sounded by the plummet of truth, from the income of which the balance is to be supplied, a large portion of it will be found to be unproductive. The facts are well understood by those who have attended our communications for a series of years, and no imputation of wrong or concealment on the part of former Grand Officers can be made or is intended, but I desire barely to present the subject in its true light, and submit to your united wisdom to supply the corrective and the remedy, if any there be.

It will be borne in mind by all that this Grand Chapter is an incorporated body, and that it has ever warily and wisely exercised its corporate privileges. I would respectfully suggest the propriety of making some provision by which it can be made the owner of real and personal property now used by the subordinate Chapters, so as to permit them to make legal contracts or leases, and obviate a difficulty in some parts of our jurisdiction, arising from the fact that the members of subordinate Chapters, like all other voluntary associations, have to act through some trustee or agent, who can neither claim the protection of the law to enforce its rights or redress its wrongs. A recent decision of the Supreme Court, of the precise extent of which I am not yet advised, may relieve this subject from all its difficulties.

By a special resolution adopted at our last annual communication, the subject of a uniformity in work was referred to the Grand Council, with ample powers to carry into effect the objects designed—powers which, as one of its members, I felt reluctant to exercise, and especially upon a point on which there was much difference of opinion. It was early discovered that it was almost as difficult to confer with the different Grand Officers, in order to have harmony of opinion, located as they are in different sections of the State, as to procure the united action of this body. It was, therefore, concluded to forbear action in the premises during the recess, and present our views at an early period in the session in the form of a plan for your action, which we propose to do. We have given the subject the serious attention which its intrinsic importance and the deep interest felt by members, demand, and have been favored with the views of many intelligent and

well-informed Companions, to whom we tender our sincere thanks. We invoke your candid and impartial examination of the subject in all its bearings and aspects, and trust that all the anticipated good to flow from it will be fully realized. We may venture here to correct the opinion that there are any wide or important discrepancies in the work, the differences being mainly in modes of expression and order of arrangement, thus requiring no innovations, no learning of novelties or repudiation of great errors, but a simple adaptation of one uniform speech, one mode of inculcating and impressing the truths which underlie our solemn rites and ceremonies.

With a view to statistical information, at all times useful, I would suggest the propriety of adding to the list of officers in our Chapters, in the appendix to our proceedings, the number of members in each Chapter, and the amount of annual receipts of each, which secretaries may be instructed to embrace in the annual return.

The constitutional powers vested in the Grand Officers to grant Dispensations for new Chapters have been exercised in but four instances during the year—one by the Grand High Priest, for a Chapter at Wellsville, in the County of Allegany, on the 3d day of June last, of which that accomplished workman and intelligent and esteemed Royal Arch Mason, M. E. JOSEPH ENOE, is High Priest—a sure augury of its usefulness and success; and three by the Deputy Grand High Priest, two of them bearing the honored names of De Witt Clinton and the Earl of Zetland, of which, together with other matters, he has given an account in his official report, which, in due time will be laid before you.

Intelligence has been received of the sudden and untimely death of Comp. ASA T. SMITH, of Lockport, on the Isthmus of Panama, a Companion widely known in the West, and as universally esteemed. It affords another of the many instances of the importance of masonic connections to those who travel in foreign lands, and especially to those who have been indebted to the fraternal kindness and good offices of the Brethren upon the Isthmus, in paying the last sad tribute of respect, and which deserves an acknowledgment.

I have thus, M. E. Companions and Representatives, presented, as briefly as the nature of the case would admit, the transcript of the labors of the past year, and those suggestions for legislation which I deem most worthy of your notice. They are mainly the expressions of individual opinion, and will, of course, be carefully weighed by you before any action shall be taken upon them. Let us all remember these important truths, that in masonry, as well as in civil society, that community is governed best which is governed least, consistent with the observance of wholesome discipline, good order and moral obligation; and that over-much legislation is one of the evils of the age. While we shrink from no duty, let us not make its performance onerous.

And when the few brief hours of our sojourn together in this annual communication shall be over, and the several interests here confided to us shall have been discharged, let us return to our avocations with the happy consciousness of having faithfully discharged our trust and fulfilled all our obligations, and that the great fraternity, which has its home and dwelling place in every land, has been benefited by our assembling. The State to

which we belong is entitled to hold an honorable station in the masonic family from the numbers and respectable standing of her craftsmen, but strife and dissension have sometimes sprung up among those who proclaim and should practice friendship and brotherly love. Happy has it been for us that this baneful spirit has never found a resting place beneath the "living arch"; that we have obeyed the precepts taught by our time-honored institution, and that our Most Excellent Masters may continue to say to this Grand Chapter and its subordinates: "Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces!" And let him who addresses you add, with heartfelt fervency, the further invocation of the inspired psalmist: "For my brethren and companions' sakes I will now say, peace be within thee!"

On motion of Comp. EDWARDS :

Resolved, That the address of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest be entered on the minutes, published in the proceedings, and referred to a Committee to allot the several subjects therein contained to appropriate Committees.

Ordered, That Comps. EDWARDS, SARTWELL, and DILL, be said Committee.

A communication from M.: E.: JAMES W. POWELL, Deputy Grand High Priest, was read, as follows:

NEW YORK, JANUARY 8TH, 1853.

To the Grand Chapter of the State of New York :

M.: E.: Grand High Priest, Grand Council, and Companions:—Circumstances having occurred that will prevent my being present at the *opening* of the Grand Chapter, I transmit a report of the state of Royal Arch Masonry within my immediate jurisdiction, containing official matter that may require your early attention.

I have great pleasure in being enabled to congratulate the Grand Chapter upon the steady advancement and unequaled prosperity which prevails amongst my Companions, Royal Arch Masons, in this section of the State. We are increasing in numbers, respectability, and zeal, and, I trust, in an earnest desire to practice those duties *out* of the Chapter which are inculcated *in* it.

Since the last annual meeting of the Grand Chapter I have issued three Dispensations for new Chapters:—MT. HOREB, Town of Kingston, Ulster County; ZETLAND, City of New York, and DE WITT CLINTON, City of Williamsburgh.

A petition duly attested was presented for the revival of MT. HOREB CHAPTER, signed by some of the former members, and nominating the Hon. and R.: W.: JOHN VAN BUREN for High Priest. Not being empowered to accede to their request, I granted a Dispensation. This Chapter succumbed, like many a stately edifice, to the desolating storm that swept like a whirlwind through the land in 1828. The raging of the tempest is passed, the atmosphere is purified, the firmament clear, and our Brethren, like those of old, are willing to help, aid, and assist in rebuilding the temple. I would respectfully recommend the revival of the old Warrant.

The petition for ZETLAND CHAPTER being recommended by two of our most ancient and honorable Chapters, PHŒNIX and JERUSALEM, and by the first three officers thereof, I unhesitatingly complied with their request. I am happy to add, that during its probationary state this Chapter has done great credit to its sponsors, and gives promise of future vigor, fidelity, and usefulness. The stone which the builders disallowed may become the head of the corner. The Dispensation is returnable at this time. I cordially recommend their prayer for a Charter to your favorable consideration.

The foundation of DE WITT CLINTON CHAPTER is laid in a commanding and advantageous site, and suitable material for the building is abundant. There are three flourishing Lodges of Master Masons in Williamsburgh. It is also the residence of many of our city Brethren. I trust their application will meet the approval of the Grand Chapter.

The judicious formation of new Chapters does not interfere with the prosperity or advancement of their elder sisters. On the contrary, a new and healthy vitality is infused amongst the craft, and an ardent desire prevails of being found worthy of reception and exaltation to this, the summit and perfection of ancient masonry.

In justice to the high and responsible position which I have the honor to occupy, and in maintenance of the dignity and prerogative of the Grand Chapter entrusted to my charge, I am compelled reluctantly to allude to an open rebellion and insubordination committed by a Past High Priest of PHŒNIX CHAPTER. I am most truly and heartily rejoiced to say, that subsequently second sober thoughts prevailed, and the Companion, in a manly, masonic, and proper spirit, made all the reparation in his power, which I accepted. I do not, therefore, bring the subject to the notice of the Grand Chapter with a view to censure or reprimand, but because a protest has been presented, and a collateral issue may arise demanding adjudication.

On Wednesday evening, the 22d of December, while attending JERUSALEM CHAPTER, for the purpose of electing our officers for the ensuing year, I was requested to open PHŒNIX CHAPTER, No. 2, by several of its members, the Warrant being absent, and, although sent for, not forthcoming. I accordingly declared PHŒNIX CHAPTER open. Comp. DUGAN, Sen., then stated an election had taken place in PHŒNIX CHAPTER on the preceding Wednesday, which he argued as unconstitutional and irregular, and appealed to me, as Deputy Grand High Priest, for a decision. Having carefully reviewed his remarks, and those of other Companions, I pronounced the election null and void, and ordered the Chapter to proceed to a new election.

M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Comp. COLES, who was present, most ably sustained my views, and stated furthermore, that he gave a similar decision last year in PHŒNIX CHAPTER for partly similar reasons.

The election took place in my presence. All the members present, fifteen in number, casting their votes in favor of the incumbent, M. E. Comp. DUGAN, Jun., he was duly re-elected. Subsequently I issued under my own hand a manifesto announcing his election, and directing all Royal Arch Masons within our jurisdiction to acknowledge and respect him as such.

The points on which my decision was based appear to me perfectly simple, cogent, and irrefragable. The Constitution of the Grand Chapter defines the

period of election for all her subordinate Chapters. Article iv, section 2, recites that the election shall take place on the regular meeting of the Chapter next preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, in each year, to be determined by ballot and form, as laid down in article i, section 2, which states the ballots must be canvassed by the Secretary and Treasurer.

PHŒNIX and JERUSALEM CHAPTERS were, for one or more years, with a slight intermission, in the habit of meeting in conjunction. According to the old By-Laws of PHŒNIX CHAPTER, the first and third Wednesdays were their regular nights of meeting. We find, however, by the record of PHŒNIX CHAPTER, that this By-Law was amended. Comp. DUGAN, Sen., at a regular meeting, on the 15th of May, 1850, offered the following amendment, with the expressed intention of rendering the second and fourth Wednesdays also regular meetings:

Resolved, That the regular meetings of PHŒNIX CHAPTER, until further notice, be the first, second, third, and fourth Wednesdays.

Which, agreeable to the By-Laws of this Chapter, was laid over until the next regular meeting.

On the 3d of July, 1850, the subject was called up, and the action had is thus briefly but plainly recorded on the book of minutes:

"The proposed amendment to the By-Laws was then taken up and adopted."

This amendment has never been rescinded; therefore there remains not a shadow of doubt in my mind that the fourth Wednesday was the last regular meeting previous to St. John's day. The express requirement of the Grand Chapter was not complied with at their first election, and, in consequence, it was null and void.

This being in itself decisive, I need scarcely allude to the minor irregularity which transpired in the Secretary and Treasurer not scrutinizing the ballot; that duty having been performed by the Secretary and a member of JERUSALEM CHAPTER.

Comp. S. T. FISK, who had been elected High Priest on the previous Wednesday, had possession of the Warrant. M. E. Comp. DUGAN, Jun., exhibited my manifesto and demanded the Warrant. Comp. FISK, after reading it, said he would take time to consider his answer. On the following Wednesday evening, on arriving at the Chapter room, I was greatly surprised to find the Chapter open. Having obtained admittance, I inquired from Comp. FISK, who was presiding, by what authority the Chapter was open. He replied, by the authority of its High Priest, duly elected; referring to himself. I asked if he had seen a document which I promulgated relative to the election. He stated he had glanced at and had a general knowledge of its contents. I then repeated my decision, announced the result of the regular election, and demanded the Warrant. He handed me a written protest, previously prepared, and peremptorily refused obeying my mandate. Thereupon I declared the Chapter closed until called together by the Grand Chapter or its Representatives.

Subsequent reflection convinced Comp. FISK of the gross violation of masonic order that he had committed, and the disrespect which he had manifested towards the Grand Chapter; and, as I stated at the outset, on the fol-

lowing evening he made all the atonement in his power, by restoring the Warrant and properties, and presenting a written apology, couched in befitting language.

At the next regular night of meeting I called the Chapter together, opened it in person, and restored the Warrant to M. E. Comp. DUGAN, Jun.

Having thus presented a narrative of this unpleasant transaction, I leave it in the hands of the Grand Chapter.

The M. E. Grand High Priest will present a communication to the Grand Chapter, which I received from HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4, of Eatonton, N. J., soliciting a transfer of their allegiance to the General Grand Chapter; which I trust will be granted, in order to relieve them from their present anomalous and embarrassing situation.

Having only learned within the past week that the petition of R. J. EVERETT was referred to me, I am unable to report on it, and request further time.

JAMES W. POWELL, M. D., D. G. H. P.:

On motion:

Resolved, That so much of the said communication as relates to PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, be referred to the Grand Council, and so much as relates to granting Dispensations, be referred to the Standing Committee on Warrants.

The petition and appeal of Comp. SEWALL T. FISK, in relation to the action of M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, in the matter of the election of officers in PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, was read and referred to the Grand Council.

The petition of PALMYRA EAGLE CHAPTER was read and referred to a Special Committee, to be denominated the Committee on Dormant Warrants.

A letter from Comp. Rev. SALEM TOWN, Grand Chaplain, was read as follows:

NEW ALBANY, IND., JANUARY 3D, 1853.

To the Most Excellent Grand Officers and Beloved Companions of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York:

COMPANIONS: Deep and anxious solicitude for the prosperity and welfare of the Grand Chapter of the State and its subordinates, inspired by that unwrought, fraternal affection which half a century has cherished and matured, constrain me to make this communication to those dear Brethren with whom I have so often taken sweet counsel.

Although far distant, and deprived of personal intercourse, yet in spirit I seem to mingle in the customary salutations of your annual gathering, and participate in those warm congratulations which flow spontaneously from heart to heart. Old friends and old associations cluster around the memory of by-gone days, and revive many endearing reminiscences. Long and intimate has been my intercourse with the Grand Chapter and its members.

Few, if any, however, now survive, in the fraternal grasp of whose hands were felt the warm pulsations of a Brother's heart as early as 1804.

I regret exceedingly that I am deprived the happiness of meeting in your session of 1853, and once more sharing in those cordialities of masonic affection which have so specially characterized our annual meetings for the last half century. But I pray that the peace of God, which passeth all knowledge, may abide on you.

To avoid the severity of cold winters, I am, for the second time, spending that season with my two sons in this climate. I may, perhaps, if spared, spend the next winter in New York, in which case, nothing but sickness would prevent my attendance, once more at least, with you. Under existing circumstances, however, it will be advisable to elect some other Companion to fill the office which you have so long and so kindly honored me with; and I doubt not you will judge it expedient so to do.

In taking a retrospective view of the past, I feel a consciousness of having discharged the duties of my office to the best of my ability, and with entire devotion to what I believed was for the interest of our institution. Dark days and trying scenes, it is true, some of us have experienced, especially when we could all cluster around the stove of our hall, in one little group, and mourn over the desolations of our deserted temple.

None but those whose firmness and fealty were thus severely tried can realize what deep, sympathetic affections, then linked hand with hand, cemented heart to heart, and inspired this little band with moral fortitude, which no discouragement could weaken, no opposition daunt, no threatened proscription intimidate.

Truth, however, *did* ultimately triumph, and will prevail. The time, in my judgment, has passed, and, I think, forever, in which the *moral* character of our institution will be questioned. In no former period has masonry commanded more respect than at this day. Never have its vital principles been more justly appreciated. Never was it more honorable nor more honored.

In view of my age and long companionship, I trust to your indulgence in offering a parting remark, if, indeed, it should by Providence be so ordered. I think no one will question my fidelity to the institution, my devotion to her interests, or my attachments to the masonic family. My efforts, though comparatively feeble, have been honestly directed to subserve the common well-being of our order, and promote the peace, harmony, and happiness of our common brotherhood, to the best of my ability. Wherein I have erred in judgment, or failed in ability, I ask the mantle of a Brother's charity.

As heretofore, I desire again most affectionately and earnestly, to impress on your minds those great and fundamental truths embodied in our masonic creed, and those corresponding duties involved in our several relations, as social and responsible beings. However sound the former may be, as articles of faith, and however important the latter, in themselves considered, avails little, without a practical exemplification of their benign influence on the general tenor of our lives. It is the individual virtues of each of the several members which, collectively, constitute the moral character of the body itself. To preserve this moral purity, and render our institution beneficial to ourselves

and a blessing to mankind, great care should be exercised, both in admission of members to its privileges, and in such good and wholesome discipline as our ancient Constitutions prescribe. But I need not repeat truths nor enumerate duties with which, I trust, you are altogether familiar.

In conclusion, therefore, I will say, in the language of inspiration, "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect. Be of good comfort; be of one mind; live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

"Behold how good, and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." "Be not weary in well-doing. Love as brethren. Be pitiful; be courteous." "Whatsoever things are true, and honest, and just, and pure, and lovely, and of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things." And my fervent prayer is, that we may all be permitted to meet in that upper Temple, where the Supreme High Priest of our salvation presides, and rejoice together in the full fruition of pure, unmingled felicity, crowned with life eternal.

Sincerely and affectionately,

Your Brother and Companion, etc.,

S. TOWN.

On motion that the same be entered on the minutes, the question was taken by the members rising in their places, and was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Comp. THACHER:

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to address a suitable reply to Rev. Comp. Town.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned till three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

On Charity—Comps. PERRY, DAGGETT, and DUGAN.

On the Secretary's and Treasurer's Books—Comps. ROUSSEAU, GILBERT, and CASE.

On Warrants—Comps. WADSWORTH, THACHER, and HUNTINGTON.

On Grievances—Comps. KELLY, WHEELER, and BILES.

On Dormant Warrants—Comps. HOFFMAN, WHIPPLE, and WADE.

Comp. EDWARDS, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, made the following report:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of New York:

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest, have had the same under consideration, and given it that attention which its ability and the several subjects therein contained and noticed demand, and would respectfully submit this their report:

The Committee felicitate this Grand Chapter on the gratifying and prosperous state of Royal Arch Masonry within our borders, which the able address of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest exhibits, and while your Committee are aware that much, *very much* of our present prosperity is due to the zealous and earnest endeavors of our present executive officers and Grand Council; yet it is not our design, or within the range of our duties as a *business* Committee, to deal in fulsome laudation, or even merited praise. There are several subjects noticed in the annual address which the Committee believe will receive the attention necessary and due from their appearance in our printed proceedings. In regard to other portions requiring immediate action or reference, the Committee subjoin the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted.

T. C. EDWARDS,
HAMILTON DILL,
HENRY P. SARTWELL,
Committee.

Albany, February 1st, 1853.

Resolved, That so much of the address of the M.: E.: Grand High Priest as relates to HIRAM CHAPTER, Eatontown, N. J., be referred to the Grand Council with power.

Resolved, That so much as refers to the petition of SACANDAGA CHAPTER, No. 116, and to the re-numbering of Chapters, be referred to the new Committee on Dormant Warrants and the Grand Secretary, with power.

Resolved, That so much of said address as relates to the resolution of 1851, by which dormant Warrants were revived at less than one-third of the regular rates for new Warrants, be referred to a Special Committee to report thereon with *all convenient speed*; and so much as refers to the funds of this Grand Chapter, to a Committee, which we recommend be appointed, to be denominated the "Finance Committee;" so much thereof as relates to the history of Royal Arch Masonry, the *Masonic Union*, and a masonic library, be referred to a Select Committee of three; and so much as relates to a uniformity of work, be referred to the Grand Council, to present their views thereon at the present session.

A petition for the revival of NORTHERN CONSTELLATION CHAPTER, at Malone, Franklin County, was read, and referred to the Committee on Dormant Warrants.

The following Select Committees were appointed:

On the resolution of 1851, on the subject of Dormant Warrants—Comps. MAXWELL, CHURCHILL, and HILL.

Finance Committee—Comps. SKINNER, BARNUM, and HURLBURT.

On the History of Royal Arch Masonry, the Masonic Union, and a Masonic Library—Comps. BREWER, VAN VLECK, and WEED.

Resolved, That the election of officers of the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year be held to-morrow at eleven o'clock A. M.

The Grand Chapter then adjourned till nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2D.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

M. E. JAMES W. POWELL, Deputy Grand High Priest, appeared and took his seat.

The petition for a Warrant for a Chapter to be held at Camden, Oneida County, presented at the last session of the Grand Chapter, was referred to the Committee on Warrants.

Comp. KING, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report:

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New York:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave respectfully to present their annual report.

Since the last annual convocation they have received through the Grand Secretary, the annual transactions of the following Grand Chapters, placed in the order in which they came to hand:

Date of receipt.	State.	Time of meeting.	Place.
April 20, 1852,	Virginia,	Jan'y 22, 1852,	Richmond.
May 18, "	Mississippi,	Jan'y 12, "	Jackson.
" 20, "	Georgia,	April 28, "	Augusta.
" 20, "	Michigan,	Jan'y 7, "	Detroit.
" 29, "	Louisiana,	Feb. 17, "	Baton Rouge.
July 1, "	Wisconsin,	" 9, "	Janesville.
" 12, "	Missouri,	May 12, "	St. Louis.
" 28, "	Maine,	" 5, "	Portland.
" 31, "	Indiana,	" 19, "	Indianapolis.
Aug. 3, "	Arkansas,	Nov. 6, 1851,	Little Rock.
" 27, "	Connecticut,	May 18, 1852,	New Haven.
Sept. 16, "	Vermont,	Aug. 12, "	St. Albans.
Oct. 8, "	Rhode Island,	June 8, "	Providence.
" 12, "	Kentucky,	Sept. 2, "	Lexington.
Jan'y 10, 1853,	Illinois,	" 30, "	Jacksonville.

On the 13th ultimo, the chairman of this Committee, as editor of the *Masonic Union*, also received from M. E. Comp. B. B. FRENCH, of Washington, the proceedings of Maryland, whose meeting was held at Baltimore on the 8th of November last.

The Committee have also received the proceedings of the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters for the States of Kentucky and Connecticut, and a report on foreign correspondence adopted by the Grand Lodge of Maine, suggesting the organization of a *General Grand Lodge*, and soliciting "what-ever light" this Grand Chapter may "incidentally reflect on this subject."

There are now twenty-seven Grand Chapters in the United States, and we have deeply to regret that but sixteen of these have favored us with their annual transactions, as, had we possessed them, we might have presented to this Grand Chapter, to our constituents, and to the world, a view of every segment of the beautiful and stupendous Arch which spans our broad country, and which sheds light and happiness upon thousands and thousands of its blessed inhabitants. We have to regret their absence further, because it evinces indifference to that free and full communion and interchange of sentiments, which should characterize the action of the Grand Overseers in "the great and glorious work of rebuilding the house of the Lord." The missing ones are Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Ohio, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. The Grand Chapter last named, however, has never published its proceedings; its ritual and organization, we are informed, are different from those of the other jurisdictions, and, from causes which we are unable to explain, it seems inclined to keep its light "hid under a bushel." Nor has the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts yet lifted the veil from *her* proceedings. This prudery on the part of these very enlightened bodies subjects the fraternity to the loss of the wisdom and experience of many of the brightest jewels that would otherwise irradiate the masonic firmament. All the other Grand Chapters in the Union publish their proceedings annually, and we indulge the hope, the earnest hope, that we may not be without them hereafter. The documents before the Committee afford unequivocal testimony of the continued health, prosperity and progress of the institution throughout our wide-spread confederacy. Is it not our duty, therefore, to render devout acknowledgments to the Grand High Priest of the universe for vouchsafing these boons to this branch of our ancient order? Let us make these acknowledgments and fervently implore his continued guardianship.

The Committee will at once commence with the labors that are before them, and present for your consideration the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of

VIRGINIA.

The Grand Chapter of this State assembled at Richmond in *form only*, on the 11th day of December, 1851, when, in consequence of the Legislature of Virginia having changed its time of meeting from the first Monday in December to the second Monday in January, it being the medium through whose members the distant Chapters sent their returns and dues, the Grand Chapter was closed until January 22d, 1852, when it again convened; the M^r. E^c. EDMUND P. HUNTER, Grand High Priest, and the E^c. JOHN DOVE, Grand Secretary.

The feature in her legislative transactions of doing business in a "Grand Committee of the Whole" seems yet to be continued in that enlightened

body, notwithstanding previous criticisms from this quarter for that anomalous proceeding. The following resolution, which we copy, indicates that her whole machinery save, it may be, the election of Grand Officers, revolves in this opaque wheel :

Ordered, That this Grand Chapter do meet in Grand Committee of the Whole, at the Masons' Hall in this city (Richmond), to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, to take into consideration the proceedings during recess, and such other matter and things as may be referred to them, for the benefit of this Grand Chapter, or the craft in general.

This Committee, however, reports its proceedings to the Grand Chapter, and the latter confirms, modifies, or rejects its doings. This Committee of the Whole combines in its constituent and aggregate parts all the officers and elements of the grand body—is, in fact, the Grand Chapter, with this hypothetical qualification—Comp. JOHN DOE, who is Scribe of the most remote and illiterate subordinate on the farthest verge of the *Old Dominion*, may preside in it with as much confidence and self-possession as the Grand High Priest of Virginia.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, at the head of which is Comp. J. CARLTON, is an *exceedingly* chaste document in point of length. Its review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of the United States occupies less than *one page*. The acknowledgment is properly made that "there is much in the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters worthy of attention." That even a brief sketch of these proceedings was not given to the fraternity by our intelligent Companion, is, for the good of the fraternity, to be regretted.

It will be remembered that ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, of the City of New York, sent out a protest against the action of this Grand Chapter for its action, in 1851, in prohibiting said Chapter from exalting expelled Masons, and for reproofing it in allowing an expelled Mason to officiate as High Priest therein, and for other disorderly conduct. While your Committee feel it their duty to express a doubt as to the propriety of *any* action on the part of the Grand Chapter of Virginia respecting this matter, they feel a pleasure in attesting to the correctness of her *conclusions* in "approving of the action of the Grand Chapter of New York in its proceedings in regard to said ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1." The only tribunal before which the subject could be legitimately brought, in the opinion of this Committee, was the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and there it was taken by the aggrieved parties, and finally decided adversely to the appellants. If we could, for the moment, overlook the circumstance of this decision by that high body, we should feel constrained, we say, to question the *right* of a foreign grand body, to which we are in no-wise responsible for the exercise of our legitimate powers, to decide or assume upon the justice of our actions; yet we cannot find it in our hearts to indulge in any very severe animadversion towards our enlightened sister for this questionable act of hers, inasmuch as she has been a stranger to the official acts of the national body to which we owe allegiance.

We notice with peculiar satisfaction the adoption of a resolution appointing a Committee to consider the relations which exist between that Grand Chap-

ter and the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and to consider the expediency of uniting with the latter body as a constituent member thereof. The composition of the Committee indicates a favorable complexion to their report; and the Grand High Priest elect, who is, or will be, *ex officio* Representative to the General Grand Chapter, has always approved of the national bodies.

There are thirty-three subordinate Chapters working under that jurisdiction; the number of their members is not fully reported.

The M. E. MORGAN NELSON was elected Grand High Priest, and E. JOHN DOVE, Grand Secretary; Comp. DOVE is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its annual convocation at Jackson, commencing on the 12th day of January, 1852; the M. E. CHARLES SCOTT, Grand High Priest, and the E. D. N. BARROWS, Grand Secretary. All the Grand Officers were in attendance, and the Representatives of twenty-two Chapters. The Grand Secretary reports that he issued, in accordance with the instructions of the Grand Chapter, nine Charters to as many subordinates, during the year ending with this session, and eight Dispensations were issued during the same time.

M. E. Comp. SCOTT made an able report on foreign correspondence, occupying some nine pages, one-third of which, however, is copied from the excellent report of the M. E. Comp. TUCKER, to the Grand Chapter of Vermont, respecting the degrees of Royal and Select Master. This is a subject upon which the opinions of our predecessors on this Committee have been fully and repeatedly expressed, and we do not think any particular advantage could result from a further discussion of it. Our learned Companion expresses some views respecting the physical qualifications of candidates, and the ancient constitutions as applicable to those qualifications, at which we confess we feel some surprise. "Let us keep," says the Companion, "and protect the holy house which our fathers have erected. Remove not a stone from the building; for if we do, a time may come when not one stone will be left upon another." This is sound and wholesome doctrine; and if all Royal Arch bodies would live up to it there would be no danger of our ancient pillars crumbling away; but see what a fearful descent he has made from this high and safe position in these succeeding remarks:—"The degrees of the order constitute the book of constitutions, in which the landmarks are contained, and if we find no rule in this ancient book, which excludes from our fellowship one who is deprived of his arm, but is capable of instruction, then the conclusion is certain and inevitable, that the doctrine which is advocated by many, that a man must be of able body and whole limbs to receive the rights, lights, and benefits of masonry, is not sanctioned by any universal law of the order, and consequently does not form one of its landmarks." Laying aside for the moment the application of this doctrine to the work part of the degrees, we express the opinion that it is physically impossible for a man to make himself known as a Royal Arch Mason who has but one arm. The "book of constitutions," as illustrated in "the degrees of the order," which, by the way,

is no book, but ancient usages and traditionary customs, though it does not in words exclude a one-armed man, yet it prescribes customs and formularies which are indispensable in opening, and closing, and working a Royal Arch Chapter, which *cannot* be practised by the man of one arm. And adopt *other* practices than those there prescribed, and you destroy the masonic identity of the body.

To discover the gross impropriety of adopting the doctrine advanced by Mississippi (and we make use of the term Mississippi, because the Grand Chapter of that State "agreed to" the doctrine), we have only to imagine the picture that would be presented in nine or more Royal Arch Masons, having but one arm each, attempting to open a Chapter. This would be a rare occurrence, it is true, if the doctrine should become generally prevalent; but it may, notwithstanding, take place; and the possibility of its occurrence is sufficient to demonstrate the importance of discountenancing so dangerous an innovation. The General Grand Chapter, at its triennial session in Boston, had this particular subject before it, and it is to be regretted that a final disposition was not made of it; but it having been referred to a Committee, to report at the next triennial meeting, we anticipate a final decision upon the question at its meeting in Lexington, Ky., in September next; and we indulge the hope that the high and safe, yet liberal rule adopted by this Grand Chapter, at its last annual session, will be adopted: that is, that Chapters have not a right to confer the degrees upon Master Masons who have lost an arm, or who are under any disability either to receive the degrees of masonry, impart them, or be recognized as a regularly made Companion.

There are some views advanced in the Mississippi report, in answer to a resolution introduced at the last session of the General Grand Chapter, "to inquire into the propriety and expediency of abolishing said General Grand Chapter, and all other general bodies in the United States," which we highly approve. The original object of that resolution was to establish, in the place of the national bodies, a *General Convocation of Masonic Delegates*, representing all State grand bodies. To such a project, with all deference to the opinions of others, we believe the fraternity of New York would be decidedly opposed. The Grand Lodge of New York, for which the chairman of this Committee feels somewhat at liberty to speak, respecting foreign and national matters, has a strong aversion to surrendering any of its legitimate powers to any superior; while this Grand Chapter, having united in the formation of the General Grand Chapter, now over half a century since, having always moved in harmony with it, and having an attachment and veneration for it, which has only increased with the lapse of years, feels no disposition to withdraw her allegiance, or to try any experiment which shall bring her into disagreement with the co-relative branches of the masonic family in this State; nor has she any ambition to venture into new and untried fields, where not even a landmark has ever been placed.

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi passed a resolution "advising all Royal Arch Masons, within its jurisdiction, not to receive the Council degrees—those of Royal and Select Master—except from a legally constituted Council."

The receipts of the Grand Chapter, during the year 1851, were \$1,789.00. There are forty subordinate Chapters in that jurisdiction. The M.: E.:

CHARLES E. SPAWN, of Brownsville, was elected Grand High Priest; D. N. BARROWS, of Jackson, Grand Secretary; and L. V. DIXON, Grand Treasurer; these officers are *ex officio* the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

GEORGIA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its annual convocation at Augusta, commencing on the 28th day of April last; the M.: E.: WILLIAM T. GOULD, Grand High Priest, and the E.: WILLIAM K. KITCHEN, Grand Secretary.

Besides the Grand Officers present, there were twenty subordinate Chapters represented. In the absence of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, none having been appointed the previous year, the Grand High Priest briefly reviewed, in his address, the proceedings of fourteen of the Grand Chapters of the Union. "Florida," he says, "remains firm in opposition to the General Grand Chapter, and, for the last two years, has expressed that opposition in terms so decided as to leave little hope of any speedy change." There is a cause for this repugnance to the General Grand Chapter, which your Committee will speak of hereafter. The Deputy Grand High Priest issued two Dispensations for the organization of Chapters in that jurisdiction during the year. We find in the proceedings two very able reports, emanating from the majority and minority of a Committee appointed at the annual convocation of 1851, to consider the physical qualifications necessary for "the admission or advancement of maimed candidates in masonry." The majority report holds that, "if the defect is not of such a nature as to prevent him from being taught, and, in turn, from teaching ALL the mysteries of the art, he is competent"; while the minority report, made, however, by the *chairman* of the Committee, Comp. R. L. RODDEY, in whom we recognize a very enlightened Mason, holds to the doctrine, "that we depart from the ancient landmarks of the order and usages of masonry, whenever we admit an individual wanting in one of the human senses, or who is in any particular maimed or deformed." The majority report, it will be seen, embodies the rule adopted by this Grand Chapter; and it was adopted by the Grand Chapter of Georgia by a vote of forty-nine to twenty-five.

The receipts of this Grand Chapter for the past year amounted to about \$1,600.00; she has a bond of the Augusta and Georgia Railroad Company of \$1,500.00; her annual expenses are about \$1,100.00. The matter of instituting a Representative Fund, to which attention was called by the General Grand Chapter, was deferred till the next convocation, which is to take place in April next. The M.: E.: WILLIAM T. GOULD, of Augusta, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and the E.: WILLIAM K. KITCHEN, Grand Secretary. There are twenty-nine Chapters in that jurisdiction, having a membership of about 1,200.

There is a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Georgia, having eleven subordinates working under it. Its annual meetings are held during the same week of the Grand Chapter.

MICHIGAN.

We have the annual proceedings of this enterprising and prosperous jurisdiction, showing that their Grand Chapter convened at Detroit, January 7th,

1852, the M. E. CZAR JONES, Grand High Priest, and the E. WILLIAM J. IVES (now deceased), Grand Secretary. The Representatives of six Chapters were present, and three under Dispensations had made returns. We notice the admission of Representatives, "with all the privileges" of membership, from three Chapters—one of these under Dispensation—neither of them having any credentials. We are not unaware that the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Michigan constitutes the first three officers "of all subordinate Chapters" under her jurisdiction members of the parent body, yet we seriously doubt the propriety of admitting Companions to membership therein, or into any representative masonic body, without some muniment of that authority which all Grand Constitutions prescribe, and which, in the case of Michigan, her Constitution imperatively requires. At the recent session of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, that enlightened body could not reconcile the obligations of its members with the admission of a Representative whose credentials were only wanting in the *seal* of his Chapter. The admission of a Representative, with full powers of membership from a Chapter under Dispensation, to say nothing of the absence of credentials, is about equivalent to *creating* Representatives from the lay members of subordinates to suit emergencies. The force of this conclusion will be apparent when it is considered that in consequence of the irregularity and strange "departure from the ancient established usages and landmarks of the order" of the petition for a Dispensation, and of the Dispensation itself under which the Companion took his seat in the Grand Chapter, an intelligent Committee subsequently reported that, "Your Committee cannot recommend the granting a Charter to those applicants." Notwithstanding this report, a resolution was afterwards offered "that a Charter be granted to LANSING CHAPTER," and it was "laid on the table." It is proper to say that at the heel of the session a Charter was granted, on the ground that the organization had been created in "good faith," and because "the records of said irregular Chapter showed good work." Notwithstanding these anomalous proceedings, we find much in that grand body to approve. The address of the Grand High Priest is a truly masonic document; it glows with those sound and salutary doctrines which masonry ever inculcates. "Man has nothing," says the M. E. Companion, "that he can claim as exclusively his own. His time, his talent, his treasure, whatever they may be, are only his private share in the great partnership of human life. Let each one, then, be careful how he abuses the interests of his co-partners." * * * "Above all things, let me urge upon you to avoid all evil speaking of one another. Leave the vile office of slandering to those of the world who delight in such work; silence should be observed where we have nothing of praise to speak, unless the faults of the offender are such as to require exposition and punishment." * * * "Has thy Brother violated any known rule of duty?—publish not his shame to the world, but go to him, take him kindly by the hand and admonish him of his fault."

The death of the lamented Comp. E. J. ROBERTS is appropriately noticed in this address. It will be remembered that this Companion was the talented, indefatigable, and unflinching editor of *The Craftsman*, printed at Rochester, in this State, during the time that the anti-masonic *strocce* desolated the altars

of our institution. It is but just to his memory for your Committee to say, that when the mad waves of unholy passion, of popular prejudice, and relentless persecution, lashed their waves against the sacred Ark, rolling their angry surges with a momentum and power that would crush the earth and engulf it beneath their mountain billows, he stood calm and serene amidst the surrounding gloom, and wielded the sword of Truth with a giant's arm, striking down the enemies of the order on the right and left, charging home upon the traitorous ingrates who had *renounced* their solemn vows, and encouraging the faithful, by holding up the bow of promise before their eyes and painting upon its ample segments the living and inspiring words—*Truth is mighty and will prevail!* He stood not alone. A glance at the venerable brows and hoary locks whose bearers have come up to hold converse with the Grand Council on the great interests of the order, at this annual gathering, show that he had compeers in that day of trial, compeers who, like himself, stood as faithful sentinels upon the ramparts of masonry—who repelled the assailants and guarded the inner temple from the touch of the Philistine. It is a hallowed thought to contemplate these inflexible Companions. Viewing them through the mists of a quarter of a century, we can see them standing at their posts unmoved, undaunted, with a faith as firm as the rock of ages, battling for the right and pointing to the day which has come, when the world should attest to the righteousness of their cause, to the rectitude of their intentions, and to their almost unexampled fidelity to their principles. We of this age, and an age indeed has quite passed away, owe them a debt of gratitude which it is difficult to repay. To no one, perhaps, are there greater obligations due than to him whose death we are here called upon to lament. An eminent Companion in Michigan informed the chairman of this Committee that he was engaged in writing the life of our lamented Comp. ROBERTS; should it appear, we would commend it to the favorable notice of this Grand Chapter, as containing the most deeply interesting history which the annals of the fraternity can supply.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. WM. J. IVES, the late Grand Secretary of that Grand Chapter, and whose death, since their annual session, we also have the mournful duty to record. The report is a well-written document of twelve pages, but is principally taken up with subjects which have been elaborately discussed by our predecessors on this Committee. The degrees of Royal and Select Master are spoken of at length, in which the position is taken that they "should precede the Royal Arch degree, as they do in Maryland and Virginia, or that the Councils should be left to govern themselves by the organization of Grand Councils, as they are in Georgia, Ohio, and some other States." It is, perhaps, worthy of note that the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Michigan authorizes that body to grant power to its subordinates to confer these degrees; provided that they "be conferred upon none but Royal Arch Masons"; necessarily succeeding the latter degree and making them superior to it. This locality for them is the *proper* one, as maintained by your Committee last year, but asserted to be improper by the Michigan Committee.

A vote of thanks was passed in the Grand Chapter for "the able, zealous and courteous manner in which the M.: E.: CZAR JONES had presided" over

the deliberations of that body during the year 1851. The report of the Committee on Returns shows that there are ten Chapters in that jurisdiction, with a membership of about three hundred. The M. E. JEREMIAH MOORS, of Detroit, was elected Grand High Priest, and WILLIAM J. IVES, Grand Secretary. The subsequent decease of Comp. IVES, as before noticed, created a vacancy, which, your Committee are informed, was filled by the appointment of Comp. A. C. SMITH, of Mt. Clemens.

LOUISIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Louisiana held its annual convocation but a few days after the close of the session of this grand body last year. It was opened at the City of Baton Rouge, on the 17th day of February, A. L., 5852, the E. D. F. REEDER, Grand King, as Grand High Priest *pro tem.*, and the E. SAMUEL ISETT, Grand Secretary. There appears to have been but five Chapters represented on the first day of the session. No address was delivered at the opening in consequence of the absence of the Grand High Priest, but a report was submitted by the M. E. JAMES R. HARTSOCK, Deputy Grand High Priest, showing the doings of the Chapters in that jurisdiction the previous year. The report concludes with the remark that so far as his information extended he had the pleasure to report that the fraternity throughout that jurisdiction was in a prosperous and flourishing condition.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the M. E. Comp. AMOS ADAMS, and is a well written document of eight pages, reviewing the proceedings of twelve Grand Chapters. This report, without being *received, accepted or adopted*, was "referred to a Special Committee," which latter presented a set of resolutions respecting the prominent subjects of the report, and these resolutions in their turn "were ordered to be spread upon the minutes and referred to the subordinate Chapters." Both Committees will, therefore, have to wait until the subordinate Chapters send in their next annual returns to ascertain whether the Grand Chapter shall *receive* those reports or not. There are some subjects in the report on foreign correspondence, and which are embodied in the resolutions subsequently submitted, upon which we would like to have had the opinion of the Grand Chapter. The resolutions are as follows:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, the degrees of Royal and Select Master should be left solely to the jurisdiction and control of a Grand Council in the several States.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter deem it competent for subordinate Chapters to confer the Chapter degrees on a Master who has but *one arm*, if he be found in all other respects competent and worthy.

Resolved, That, in relation to appeals from the decision of the High Priest of a Chapter whilst presiding in the chair, this Grand Chapter most cordially approves the opinion expressed by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in their report; also in creating a general representative fund and making the pay of officers and members of the General Grand Chapter equal.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter, that the General Grand Chapter should, by all means, be continued and maintained in the exercise of its legitimate and proper authority throughout the several States.

The opinion of the Grand Chapter of New York respecting the Royal and

Select degrees, spoken of in the *first* resolution, has heretofore been expressed as mentioned in our review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Michigan. The doctrine of the eligibility of a *one-armed* man to the Chapter degrees, as avowed in the *second* resolution, we regard as radical heresy, upon the grounds mentioned in our review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi. The first clause of the *third* resolution endorses the opinion, as expressed by their Committee on Foreign Correspondence, that, "In all matters appertaining to the *ritual*, the working of the Chapter, or connected with the conferring degrees, the decision of the High Priest or presiding officer, must of necessity be final. * * * But when a question of business or legislative character is presented, the same rule should apply as in other deliberative bodies." This reasoning might answer for Virginia or Florida, independent as *they* are of any superior authority; but for the filial devotion that has ever characterized Louisiana, to her *Alma Mater*, we are a little surprised at it. The General Grand Chapter has decided that, "on a question of order, no appeal can of right be taken from the decision of the presiding officer." It is not only conceded, but explicitly avowed by our Companions of Louisiana, that the decision of the presiding officer is *final*, on all questions relating to the *ritual*, the *work*, and the conferring degrees; and *questions of order* include all other business. Indeed, in the report adopted by the General Grand Chapter, it is truthfully said, that "according to the usages of masonry from time immemorial, no appeal can of right be had." It is, therefore, not only a filial, but a constitutional duty of Louisiana to obey the edicts of the national body; and this duty seems to be very plainly indicated and acknowledged in the language of the fourth resolution, which we have quoted from her proceedings, "that the General Grand Chapter should, *by all means*, be continued and maintained *in the exercise of its legitimate and proper authority* throughout the several States." We like this sentiment; it breathes devotion to that body which has given Louisiana a Grand Chapter being, and time only is needed, we think, for her to act upon it.

We beg to copy two brief extracts from the report of her intelligent and very fraternal Committee respecting this body. Speaking of New York, they say: "The report of the proceedings of this ancient, talented, and dignified Grand Chapter shows that there are some of the *seeds* remaining of former disagreement; but, upon the whole, Royal Arch Masonry is fast regaining the proud pre-eminence it once occupied in this State. * * * New York is one of the *oldest and brightest* and one of the *most talented* Grand Chapters in the Union, and ought to exert an influence that will be felt and acknowledged by all, and now that there is union again restored we trust that she will take her proper place among her sister Grand Chapters."

We notice the adoption of feeling and appropriate resolutions respecting the death of Comp. H. R. BRYAN, late Grand Captain of the Host of that Grand Chapter.

There is much in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter which we would like further to notice, but we are reminded that our report is already assuming some length. There are thirteen subordinates under that jurisdiction—membership not fully reported. The M.: E.: JAS. R. HARTSOCK was elected Grand High Priest, and the E.: SAM'L L. ISETT, Grand Secretary. The next

meeting of the Grand Chapter is to be held on the third Tuesday of (this month) February, 1853.

WISCONSIN.

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin held its grand convocation last year, on the week succeeding that on which our own was held; we have its proceedings, however, from December 9th, 1850, to February 12th, 1852. Its convocation, at the first-mentioned period, seems to have been held with a view to set the machinery of their newly organized jurisdiction at work and for *labor* in the different degrees. There were at that time but four warranted Chapters in the State. The report of the proceedings of the "grand communication," which was held on the 9th to the 12th of February, 1852, shows that there were thirteen *Companions* present beside the Grand Officers on the first day of the session; the minutes of the *second* day's session show that these thirteen *Companions* represented four Chapters. The address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. DWIGHT F. LAWTON, covers eight pages, and is a sound and able document. A draft of a new Constitution was submitted, which lies over one year for consideration. There are some excellent rules in this Constitution, pointing out the course to be pursued in the discipline of refractory members, which we heartily commend; yet we cannot see that any person is amenable to his Chapter, under this Constitution, for the commission of any masonic offence, unless that offence be "not cognizable by a Master Mason's Lodge." We think this a very dangerous doctrine; for under it a man may violate nearly every principle known to symbolic masonry, and *defy* the Chapter to do its best in bringing him to punishment. He would laugh at their attempt to deal with him for stealing his neighbor's purse. If there should be no Lodge in the vicinity of his residence, or there being one, it should neglect or refuse to call him to an account, he would go "scott free," and the Chapter would be remediless. Every intelligent Companion will at once discover the ruinous consequences which must inevitably ensue from opening the disciplinary code of Royal Arch Masonry to such a theory. No Chapter should be deprived of the power of punishing its faithless members (should it have such) to the extent which wisdom and justice and the interests of the order require.

No Committee having been appointed the previous year on foreign correspondence, their proceedings are without a report on this subject. A Committee having been instituted at this session of the Grand Chapter, consisting of Comps. SMITH, COTHREN, and PALMER, we anticipate a report in their next anniversary proceedings.

Though the attention of the Grand Chapter was particularly called to the subject of a Representative Fund for the delegates to the General Grand Chapter, and a Committee was appointed thereon, we find no opinion expressed respecting it. There are nine Chapters in that jurisdiction, and Royal Arch Masonry seems to be generally prosperous there. The M. E. DWIGHT F. LAWTON was re-elected Grand High Priest, and the E. WILLIAM R. SMITH, of Mineral Point, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The Grand Chapter of Missouri assembled at St. Louis on the 12th day of May last, the M. E. R. R. REES, Deputy Grand High Priest, in the chair, and E. JOHN D. TAYLOR, Grand Secretary. There not being a sufficient number of Chapters present to form a quorum for business, the Grand Chapter was called from labor until ten o'clock Thursday, May 13th, when the M. E. GEORGE H. C. MELODY, Grand High Priest, took the chair. The Committee on Credentials reported the presence of the Representatives of seven Chapters. The address of the Grand High Priest is quite short and entirely taken up with local affairs. At the conclusion of it, he earnestly recommended the election of some other person to discharge the responsible duties of his official position. He says: "It is unnecessary to remind you of my many years devoted to the craft, and that I constituted the first Chapter which was organized in this State, in the year 1827, under appointment from the late lamented and highly esteemed Companion, DE WITT CLINTON, General Grand High Priest of the United States."

A resolution was adopted by the Grand Chapter of Missouri, in 1851, directing the Grand Secretary "to address the first four General Grand Officers of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and fraternally request them, in the name of this Grand Chapter (Missouri) to settle what degrees are constitutional as referred to in the 9th section of article i of the General Grand Constitution." In obedience to this resolution, the Grand Secretary addressed the officers named, and the replies of two of them appear in the proceedings before us. In that of the General Grand High Priest, the M. E. ROBERT P. DUNLAP, of Maine, it is stated that: "As no three of them (the officers named) are agreed upon the question, it must necessarily be referred for decision to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, to be holden at Lexington, in the State of Kentucky, on the second Tuesday of September, 1853." The reply of the M. E. WILLIS STEWART, of Kentucky, General Grand King, is more explicit. He says: "I consider the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch, as the only constitutional degrees under the jurisdiction or control of the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

It is to be regretted that there is not sufficient agreement of opinion between these distinguished officers to decide the question submitted to them. The General Grand Constitution very clearly gives to "the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter, or any three of them," authority to decide what are constitutional degrees, and their decision would stand as valid and binding, at any rate, until modified or reversed by the body over which they preside. The first clause of section 9, under which the question arises, reads as follows: "No Royal Arch Mason within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter shall be permitted to confer *any degree* in masonry not recognized as a constitutional degree, nor to establish *any society of Masons* not recognized as a constitutional body."

Your Committee are not aware at what particular time this clause of the General Grand Constitution was incorporated in that instrument, but certain it is that it has been added thereto since the revision of 1816, for no such

restriction exists in it as then "revised, amended, and ratified" by the General Grand Chapter while in session in the City of New York. The fact that *some* of the correlative branches of the masonic family, viz., Grand and Subordinate Encampments and Grand and Subordinate Lodges have been repeatedly *recognized* by the General Grand Chapter, and that under the *regulations* of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States, no person can receive its degrees without having previously taken the degrees conferred in the Blue Lodge, is unequivocal testimony that all masonic degrees regularly conferred by these bodies are *constitutional*, within the meaning of that part of the General Grand Constitution which we have quoted. It only remains to be determined whether a Royal Arch Mason is not subjecting himself to discipline under the clause quoted, whether he is not, in fact, also violating section 3 of article iv of the General Grand Constitution, wherein he is obligated to "support and maintain" that instrument by conferring or assisting to confer any other degree in masonry, or by establishing or assisting to establish any other society of Masons than those we have enumerated. In determining the constitutionality of any degree or of any society of Masons within the purview of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, we regard it as entirely immaterial whether the degree be conferred or the "society" be established by the authorities above enumerated or not; if the degree or society be masonic, and have been deliberately recognized by the national body, or a competent number of its officers, we regard it as sufficient not only to exempt the party from the penalties of the Constitution, but as establishing the constitutionality both of the degree and the society. A denial of this hypothesis would not only subject a very large proportion of the members and officers of Grand and subordinate Royal Arch Chapters throughout the Union to *expulsion*, but would place many Grand Chapters of the United States in the position of open, deliberate, and continued defiance of the high authority from which they derive their existence; and, as a legitimate sequence of those Grand Chapters occupying this position, it would devolve upon the General Grand Chapter, or upon its officers who exercise its powers *ad interim*, the duty of *suspending the proceedings* of such State Grand Chapters. Believing that these opinions are fully justified by the reading of sections 2 and 9 of article i, sections 1 and 9 of article ii, section 3 of article iii, and section 3 of article iv, of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, we proceed to state what other *degrees* and *societies* have been recognized as constitutional in one or the other or in both of the modes above pointed out.

In 1848 the General Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of the United States, who is an enlightened member of our own body, granted permission to organize a Grand Chapter in the State of Michigan. In pursuance of the authority so given the subordinate Chapters of that State, three in number, organized a Grand Chapter on the 24th of February of that year, and adopted a Constitution, the *preamble* to which reads:

"We, the several Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, created and established by the authority of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, and being located within the State of Michigan, duly represented by our respective High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, or their

proxies, pursuant to the powers vested in us by the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, aforesaid, and in accordance with the permission for that purpose granted in the instrument above set forth, do ordain and declare the following articles to be the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan, etc.:"

Section 1 of article v of this Constitution declares that

"This Grand Chapter has the authority and may authorize and empower any Royal Arch Chapter under this jurisdiction to organize within its body a Council of Royal and Select Masters, and such Council, when duly organized, may confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master, etc."

A copy of this Constitution was sent, as officially reported by their Grand Secretary, to some of the principal officers of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and to the Secretaries of the several State Grand Chapters. At the triennial session of the General Grand Chapter in Boston, the Grand High Priest of Michigan was admitted to a seat in, and as a member of that body, without any objection to the organization of the body that he represented. Again, the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, whose Grand High Priest is the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, allows of the conferring of these degrees in the Chapters of that State, and a very enlightened Committee, of which this distinguished Companion was chairman, has pronounced these degrees to be "a portion of the regular work of the Chapters under this (that) jurisdiction." It is needless to speak of the cognizance of the General Grand Chapter of this state of things in that jurisdiction. Maryland has participated in all the movements of the national body for many years past — has supplied it with many of its most prominent and able officers (the second officer of the national body being now from that State), and has been one of its warmest and most faithful supporters. We need but to add, that the M.: E.: WILLIS STEWART, of Kentucky, whose opinion, as the third officer of the General Grand Chapter, we have quoted above, now occupies the office of Grand Thrice Illustrious in the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Kentucky. We regard these authorities, ranging as they do through a long course of years, and from the highest to the lowest Royal Arch jurisdiction in the United States, as sufficient to establish the constitutionality of these degrees and of the societies conferring them, within the meaning of that section of the Constitution prohibiting Royal Arch Masons from conferring "any degree" or establishing "any society" than such as *are* constitutional.

The space we have occupied in discussing this subject forbids us to do more than to state a few facts bearing upon the degrees of "the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite" and the bodies conferring them, as they must be viewed by the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter. The various powers of the General Grand Chapter of the United States are exercised by eight officers, whose authority is co-extensive with its jurisdiction, and whose masonic acts cannot be separated from the distinguished individuals occupying these offices, until the national body shall see fit to deny or discard those acts. The Hon. and M.: E.: ROBERT P. DUNLAP, of Maine, is the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter; he is also Most Illustrious Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Supreme Grand Council of Sovereign

Grand Inspectors General "Ancient and Accepted Rite" for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States; the M.: E.: JOSEPH K. STAPLETON, of Baltimore, is Deputy Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, he is also Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Grand Council above named; the M.: E.: BENJAMIN B. FRENCH, of Washington, is General Grand Secretary—he is reported in the official proceedings of the before mentioned Grand Council to have been proposed and elected in due form to receive the high degrees and orders of this Sovereign Grand Consistory; the M.: E.: EDWARD A. RAYMOND, of Boston, is the General Grand Treasurer—he is at the very head of the Northern Supreme Grand Council; the Rev. PAUL DEAN, of Massachusetts, is General Grand Prelate—he holds the same relations to this Supreme Grand Council as those of the General Grand Secretary; the M.: E.: NATHAN B. HASWELL is the General Grand Marshal—he is also the First Illustrious Grand Captain of the same Northern Supreme Grand Council. It will be perceived, therefore, that all the General Grand Officers except two—the M.: E.: Comps. STEWART, of Kentucky, and LEWIS, of Louisiana, are either officers in or members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and as such, they masonically recognize the constitutionality of the degrees conferred in that Rite, or there is no meaning in the 9th section of article i, of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter. It will be observed that we have only noticed the connection of the *officers* of the General Grand Chapter with the Scottish Rite; if time and space would permit us to do so we could easily establish a like connection with many, very many of the lay members of that body.

These considerations lead us to the warm approval of the action of our present Grand High Priest, while acting as a member of the national body in 1850, in introducing the following:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this General Grand Chapter, those are constitutional masonic degrees only which are conferred in regular Blue Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Encampments of Knights Templars and the appendant Orders, Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and Supreme Councils of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" and their inferior jurisdictions.

It is to be deeply regretted that this resolution was "indefinitely postponed." The wisdom and sagacity which induced its presentation, and the eminent propriety of its early adoption must be apparent to every enlightened Royal Arch Mason. We indulge the firm, though reluctant belief, that the *future* is filled with the most unpleasant forebodings, unless some early action is taken by the General Grand Chapter, which shall indicate the views therein advanced.

We resume our remarks respecting the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Missouri. The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Comp. JOHN D. TAYLOR, and is an ably written document, covering some sixteen pages. The intelligent Companion starts out with a most unsavory attack upon the General Grand Chapter. "We confidently ask," says he, "what has it done in this long period (of half a century) to commend itself to the confidence and attachment of its subordinates? To our mind—nothing; and its action, or rather its want of action, at the last communication, evidences rather an approach to vascillating imbecility, than bold, manly, and vigorous youthful action." We beg to inquire where Missouri would have

been to-day had it not been for the nourishment and protecting care that it has derived from that body, which it decries with such unfilial, unfraternal language? The first spark of vitality which shed a ray of Royal Arch Masonry over her territory was eliminated from the national body; that body gave her an existence, and placed her upon an equality among the sisterhood of Grand Chapters; it watched over her during her infancy, and protected, regulated, and sustained her with parental care during her years of ripening power. Every Mason who has been exalted to the Royal Arch, in that jurisdiction, has been "obligated in the most solemn manner to support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter"—and this instrument forms the very basis of her Temple. Remove or destroy that basis, and the Grand Chapter of Missouri—the *creature* of that instrument, must inevitably cease to exist. In the opinion of your Committee nothing can be more parricidal than an attempt on the part of the children of the General Grand Chapter to destroy its efficiency, or to impair its usefulness by unmeasured denunciation. It is rather their duty to cling to and support it, while it moves in the sphere and performs the functions for which it was created—as it always has done. It is true that in some of its legislative and judicial movements it has not come up to the mark of boldness and vigor which some of its subordinates would desire to have it assume; but this is far better than to have it usurping powers that do not belong to it, as would be the case in the organization of another national masonic body, which Missouri has been trying to nurse into existence for several years past. We would not censure this enlightened and very fraternal sister of ours for her unfilial language, but would express our sorrow that such sentiments should be entertained as those to which she has given currency. Contrary to the usual and safer course in such matters, the Grand Chapter of Missouri *adopted* this report, thereby making it her own language and her own sentiments.

A resolution was adopted recommending that the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter be so amended as to show clearly what is the duty of State Grand Chapters in reference to the location of the Royal and Select Masters' degrees. In Dispensations and Charters heretofore granted to subordinates, that Grand Chapter has embodied authority to confer these degrees; at the present session, a Committee to which the subject had been referred came to the conclusion that they did not possess the power, and therefore submitted a resolution declaring the grant of power to be null and void, which was adopted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to fill up new Charters with these degrees out.

We regret to notice the adoption of the report of a Committee ordering some ten Chapters to be stricken from the roll for failing to make returns. From a list which accompanies their annual proceedings there appear to be ten working Chapters now in that jurisdiction, with a membership of 289.

The M.: E.: J. F. RYLAND was elected Grand High Priest, and E.: JOHN D. TAYLOR, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The Grand Chapter of this State convened at Portland on the 5th of May last, and was opened in ample form by the M.: E.: ROBERT P. DUNLAP,

General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; all the Chapters in the State, seven in number, were represented; we also notice the presence, on this occasion, of the M.: E.: Comp. STEPHEN LOVELL, Past Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, who, in company with M.: E.: Comp. DUNLAP, gave the lectures of the Mark Master and the Royal Arch degrees. The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Comp. CYRIL PEARL, and occupies some seventeen pages, reviewing the proceedings of thirteen Grand Chapters; much of it, however, is copied from the proceedings of other Grand Chapters. Comp. PEARL has heretofore traveled over the proceedings of the other Grand Chapters at a considerable length, and has expressed his views upon nearly all important questions that are being discussed by the sister bodies, and thinks it unnecessary to repeat or enlarge upon them, except to fortify his previous positions, which he has done with a Master's hand. We regard him as a most intelligent Mason, and as a very clear, beautiful, and forcible writer. In the course of a reply to Florida, which, with Virginia, have been warring against the General Grand Chapter ever since their infancy, he very properly puts the following question: "We respectfully ask, what tribunal could so well adjust the matters in controversy between them as this body they now oppose, if they would but recognize her jurisdiction, and submit their differences to her adjudication?"

We do not discover in this report any notice of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of New York, probably for the reason that our proceedings were not received by them. The Committee speaks of the non-receipt of the proceedings of several Grand Chapters, and expresses the belief that they are intercepted by unfriendly postmasters. We recommend that the Grand Secretary send two copies of our annual proceedings to each Grand Chapter, by different mails. This arrangement would make their receipt more certain.

A resolution was adopted by the Grand Chapter of Maine, in 1851, requiring her subordinates to report the numbers belonging to each, the number of exaltations, and the number of Royal Arch Masons in their respective jurisdictions who were not members. The Chapters have made their reports accordingly, which show that there were 344 members, thirty-four exaltations, and forty Royal Arch Masons who were *not* members. Allusion was made to this subject in the report of our predecessors last year, but nothing further was said or done about it. We regard it as a matter of information of which the Grand Chapter ought to be possessed, and to carry out the object we append a resolution at the end of this report.

The M.: E.: JOHN WILLIAMS, of Bangor, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and the E.: ALLEN HAINES, of Portland, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of this State, convened at Indianapolis, on the 19th of May last, the M.: E.: COLLEY A. FOSTER, Grand High Priest, and the E.: FRANCIS KING, Grand Secretary. There were twenty-one Chapters represented. The address of the Grand High Priest is entirely taken up with local matters; in the course of it, however, he speaks of a decision that he had given in settling a difficulty between two Chapters, in which we recognize

an important principle that, though universal, is little understood. It is, that when a Companion who is already a member of a Chapter unites in a petition for a Dispensation to institute a new Chapter, the granting of the Dispensation by the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest operates as a discontinuance of his membership, without any other demission from the Chapter to which he originally belonged. A concise and very able report on foreign correspondence was presented by the M. E. Comp. FOSTER, which was referred to a Special Committee. We notice with much satisfaction that similar views are entertained by the Indiana Committee respecting the position which the General Grand Chapter holds to the Royal and Select Masters' degrees that have been expressed by this Committee in reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Missouri. This Committee think that *Guard* is the proper title of the officer who officiates as Tiler, and who, in *this* Grand Chapter, is denominated *Sentinel*. In Virginia he is styled the *Tiler*, and in Mississippi, the *Janitor*. The Special Committee to which the report on foreign correspondence was referred, presented among others the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter that the question of conferring the Chapter degrees upon Master Masons who are maimed should be left to the decision of each individual Chapter for itself, upon any application from a Master Mason who is maimed, as, the candidate being before them, they can better judge of his ability to comply with the ceremonial of the several degrees.

Similar doctrine to this was adopted by the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, at a recent meeting.

According to this philosophy a man might get half way through a degree and be compelled to stop or to omit the balance on account of some physical deformity which might render it impossible for him to receive the rest of it. It is worse, if possible, than the doctrine held by Vermont and Mississippi, who maintain, that if a man can squeeze through by the aid of a cork leg or an artificial arm, he ought to *pass*. It was Maine, we believe, who sent the inquiry down to her subordinates—What kind of physical deformities, and to what extent may those deformities exist before the candidate shall be excluded? The only difference between this kind of judicial proceeding and that which seeks a wise and manly administration of masonic law is this: that while the latter has the advantage of the congregated wisdom of a whole State, and administers law with an authority that can command obedience to it, the former converts the constituent into the representative body, and gives the Grand Chapter the blessed privilege of sanctioning (for it has no right to disapprove) whatever the little, isolated and illiterate legislatures send up to it. For greater convenience we would suggest that the Grand Chapter adopt some rotary movement, by which it could itinerate over the State, and, in the extremity of its obsequiousness, accommodate itself to the acts and exigencies that it will find everywhere arising. The great objects for which Grand Chapters were instituted were to secure a uniformity of work and of practice throughout their jurisdictions, and to prescribe rules and regulations for the government of their subordinates. These objects are entirely defeated in pursuing the course adopted by Indiana.

A resolution was adopted requiring the Grand Secretary to have the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter bound in suitable volumes. This is an excellent plan, and should be adopted by this and every other Grand Chapter. By the present loose manner in which our annual transactions are kept they become scattered no one knows where. The chairman of this Committee, after unwearied diligence and many inquiries, has been able to find only the annual proceedings back to 1842. We append a resolution at the end of this report designed to remedy the evil.

The Grand Chapter of Indiana holds to the doctrine, which your Committee believe to be correct, that a subordinate Chapter cannot elect a person to fill a vacancy in its Council for the unexpired portion of a year; that, in the absence of the superior officer, the next in grade performs the duty of his station, and, in the absence of all three, who compose the Council, the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest has power to appoint for the unexpired portion of the term.

A different rule from this, however, is prescribed by the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter in cases of *temporary absence*. It is that, "in all cases of the absence of an officer from any body of Masons, instituted or holden by virtue of this Constitution, the next in rank shall occupy his place, unless through courtesy or for other reasons he should decline in favor of another Companion or Brother; and, in case of the absence of all the officers from any regular meeting of either of the bodies aforesaid, the members present shall designate some suitable Companions or Brethren to fill the several stations." (See section 10, article i, General Grand Constitution.)

A feeling and very beautifully written report respecting the death of E. Comp. AUSTIN W. MORRIS, late Grand Secretary of that Grand Chapter, was presented and adopted. There are twenty-two Chapters in that jurisdiction, with a membership of 590, being an increase over the previous year of forty-eight. The M. E. C. A. FOSTER was re-elected Grand High Priest, and E. FRANCIS KING, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

The second annual convocation of this young, yet intelligent, Grand Chapter was held at Little Rock, on the first Monday of November, 1851. We have before mentioned that these proceedings were received on the 3d of August last. We conclude that their facilities for getting them published are not the best, or they would have been sent earlier. The Representatives of three chartered Chapters and of two under Dispensation "appeared and filed their credentials and returns" on the first day of the session. We beg to inform our esteemed Companions of that jurisdiction, that *chartered* Chapters only have the right of representation in the Grand Chapter. We find no address from the Grand High Priest, nor any report on foreign correspondence in this document, though a Committee to prepare the latter had been appointed the previous year. It is always gratifying to know the sentiments of our sister jurisdictions, whether they be young or old, and we are much of the belief that not only sound opinions are entertained in Arkansas, but that they have their *work plumb*; for it is certified the work of HELENA and LAPILE CHAPTERS, under Dispensation, "as shown by duly *certified*

transcripts thereof, fits with that exact nicety which may well warrant perpetual Charters to enable them severally to continue in all the rights and privileges of regularly constituted Chapters." The three chartered Chapters above mentioned as being represented report a membership of 142. FAR WEST CHAPTER, No. 1, it seems, has had its Charter recalled, for some cause not stated, leaving, however, five Chapters in the jurisdiction. The M.: E.: HUGH D. MAN was elected Grand High Priest, and L. E. BARBER, of Little Rock, Grand Secretary. Comp. W. H. SUTTON, of Little Rock, is chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. That Grand Chapter held an annual convocation on the second Monday of November last, but its proceedings have not come to hand.

CONNECTICUT.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its annual convocation at New Haven, commencing on the 13th day of May last, the M.: E.: GEORGE GIDDINGS, Grand High Priest, and the E.: ELIPHALET G. STORER, Grand Secretary. There were eighteen Chapters represented on the first day of the session. It having been a practice in that State for three or more Past Masters to confer the degree of Past Master upon the Master elect of a Blue Lodge, the Grand High Priest, in the course of his address, submits the question, "Whether any body of Masons, attempting to confer it without the sanction of a Royal Arch Chapter, is not unconstitutional and illegal?" This, with other subjects spoken of in the address, were referred to appropriate Committees, whose reports we will speak of in their order. The degrees of Royal and Select Master in that jurisdiction are conferred in subordinate Councils holding Charters under a Grand Council of the State. A resolution was adopted by the Grand Chapter to the effect that it was not necessary or expedient for that Grand Chapter to take any further action in relation to said degrees.

The following very pretty yet very singular report, defining who may be eligible to the Chapter degrees, was adopted by the Grand Chapter. Adopting the language of the Committee, they say :

"That from the limited time they had to devote to the subject, they can find no good reason for withholding the Chapter degrees from a worthy Brother of a Master Mason's Lodge, simply because, in the providence of the Grand High Priest of the Universe, *he has been deprived of a hand or an arm or any other limb not affecting his internal qualifications*, it being the *internal* and not the external qualifications that should recommend a candidate to our favor ; and our institution professing, and in reality being, speculative rather than operative masonry, *our external members are not essentially necessary* to bring up works for the inspection of the Grand Master Overseer in that spiritual temple made without hands, eternal in the heavens. We, therefore, recommend that this subject be left to the judicious discretion of the subordinate Chapters."

It will be remembered that this doctrine is much like that advanced by Indiana, except that here a definition is given of the qualifications that *are* necessary to the eligibility of the candidate ; these qualifications seem to be entirely *internal*. An old man in dotage, a young man in non-age, an hermaphrodite, a woman or slave ; indeed, any human being in whom the vital

spark of immortality has glimmered, would be as much entitled, under this philosophy, to receive the degrees and to become members of our Chapters as the most perfect man. It is true that the external man is not considered in the admissibility of the candidate to the favor of the Divine grace for, be it known, He would have "*all* men to be saved," even from the uttermost parts of the earth. The high, the low, the rich and the poor, the halt and the blind, *all* who come unto Him "through a knowledge of the truth" are entitled to seats at the right hand of God the Father. But we beg to inquire, in all humility, can all the vast multitudes of the earth pass beneath the masonic arch? Was it ever erected under this comprehensive policy? Must it not be seen by every intelligent mind that the endorsement of such a doctrine, benevolent and humane as it is, would destroy and obliterate every vestige of the masonic temple—every pillar, and landmark, and custom, and usage, that distinguishes it among the societies of men? This is, indeed, a progressive age, and masonry, in some jurisdictions, having caught its spirit, is likely to suffer in the general demolition of olden things. There never was a time when the national body could so well demonstrate its usefulness as at the present, and we ardently pray that it will manifest its utility in attempting at least, to stay the spoiling hand which has been laid upon the sacred arch.

The Committee to which was referred that part of the Grand High Priest's address which alluded to the conferring the degree of Past Master, reported "that, in their opinion, no action on the part of this Grand Chapter was expedient." This is, of course, a *quasi* approval of the practice in that jurisdiction of conferring the degree on a Master elect by three or four Past Masters, without the authority of a Chapter, and it accords with the decision of this Grand Chapter at its last convocation.

The report on foreign correspondence is from the pen of Comp. WILLIAM STORER, and is a lengthy and very able document of forty pages, reviewing the proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters. He speaks of having received a pamphlet, purporting to be an account of the proceedings of ANCIENT CHAPTER, No. 1, in which this Grand Chapter is berated in a very unmasonic manner. It is the same pamphlet spoken of in the proceedings of Virginia; but the Grand Chapter of Connecticut felt it their duty to pursue a different course in regard to it from that pursued by the former. "This pamphlet," says Comp. STORER, "was, doubtless, sent to us for the purpose of enlisting the sympathy of this Grand Chapter in behalf of the recusant ANCIENT CHAPTER. If such be the object, it has proved a signal failure. Your Committee do not believe that this Grand Chapter *has any right* or disposition to take cognizance of complaints from subordinate Chapters in other jurisdictions." This clear and distinct principle your own Committee have avowed in their comments on the legislation of Virginia; but we feel sincere pleasure in finding it supported by so clear an expression, from the enlightened Companion who stands at the head of the Committee of Connecticut.

Our Committee criticised Connecticut, in 1851, for annulling the Charter of one of its subordinates and suspending its members, and afterwards, on application of two of the suspended members, restoring and attaching them to another Chapter. Comp. STORER says:

"The first item in this notice of the doings of our Grand Chapter does,

indeed, look like rather loose legislation without an explanation of the facts. If we recollect the circumstances aright (not having the minutes before us), the facts were substantially these: One of the subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, for mal-appropriation of its funds, or for a failure to be represented in the Grand Chapter for a series of years, forfeited its Charter, which was called in by the Grand Chapter. At the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, in 1850, application was made by a few Royal Arch Masons, located near the centre of the State, for liberty to take up the Charter of a dormant Chapter in another county, remove it to their own vicinity, and resume work. In this request they were joined by two members of the first named 'suspended' Chapter, who, it appeared, were absent from the State when their Chapter forfeited its Charter, and knew nothing of the transactions which resulted in that forfeiture. The Grand Chapter received the application favorably, and granted the liberty requested."

Our Committee also inferred "from the Indiana extracts, that the prospects of Royal Arch Masonry in Connecticut were not flattering." To this Comp. STORER replies:

"We had considered the cause in a healthy condition here, but perhaps we are mistaken. We have in our jurisdiction seventeen subordinate Chapters, every one of which made returns to the last annual convocation, and reported eighty-eight exaltations, and sixteen of them were represented by thirty-four worthy Companions. Our Grand High Priest is, perhaps, as accomplished a workman, in the Chapter degrees, as any other in the land, and he devotes a considerable share of his time to the visitation and instruction of subordinate Chapters. If this does not render our prospect 'flattering,' we think it will not be denied that it is evidence of health and prosperity."

It may be stated that there are eighteen subordinate Chapters now under that jurisdiction, their membership is not reported. The M.: E.: GEORGE GIDDINGS was re-elected Grand High Priest, and the E.: ELIPHALET G. STORER, of Fair Haven, Grand Secretary; Comp. WILLIAM STORER is chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

VERMONT.

The Grand Chapter of Vermont held its annual convocation at St. Albans, commencing on the 12th day of August last, the M.: E.: NATHAN B. HASWELL, Grand High Priest, and the E.: PHILIP C. TUCKER, Jun., Grand Secretary. The Representatives of six Chapters were present. "At no period," says the enlightened Grand High Priest in his address to the Grand Chapter, "has masonry stood on so firm a basis throughout the world as at the present period. The voice of calumny and distrust are no longer heard, while that of friendship and brotherly love greets us from our own and from distant lands. Our Masonic Arch, sustained by *God and Truth*, is more durable than *Brass, Marble or Granite*, and is becoming still stronger by the accumulated weight and responsibility that rests upon it."

We take the liberty to copy the following very appropriate and important remarks from this beautiful address, respecting the admission and visitation to our Chapters of Royal Arch Masons who have not taken the previous Chapter degrees as conferred in the United States:

"The harmony and good feeling that has ever characterized the grand masonic bodies on the American continent, is a true index to that love of order which, it is hoped, will continue to govern them, and bind still closer the chords of masonic love throughout the world. In the continued and unceas-

ing additions from the *old* to this *new world* by emigration, we find landing upon our shores Brethren who knock at our doors and claim admission under the world-wide acknowledgment of our mystic tie. But on examination, we find that in conferring the degrees and admitting to companionship, the Royal Arch degree has been reached by our foreign Brethren without their receiving the important honors and lessons taught in our *Mark, Past, and Most Excellent* Lodges. In England these degrees are omitted to be given as practiced in the United States. The candidate *there* passes from a *Master* to a *Royal Arch Mason*. Now the only mode by which he can be acknowledged and admitted as a Royal Arch Mason in the United States, is the one pointed out and provided for by a regulation of the General Grand Chapter, to whose edicts and regulations we are implicitly bound. Situate, as we are, upon the confines of a foreign masonic jurisdiction, I would recommend a strict examination, hereafter, of all styling themselves Royal Arch Masons, and claiming the right to visit our Chapters, who have never taken the degrees of *Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master*, at the same time proffering them the healing process dictated by the General Grand Chapter, as follows: "Any worthy Companion from without the jurisdiction of the United States, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produces satisfactory evidence of his having received that degree, that each and every Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter have liberty and they are hereby authorized to confer the degrees of *Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master*, on such Companions (who have not heretofore received them), to the end that they may be *healed*, and thereby become regular Royal Arch Masons, free of charge; and that the subordinate Chapter so conferring said degrees, shall be exempt from paying any dues therefor."

We cordially unite in this recommendation of the Grand High Priest of Vermont, and beg only to remark that as early as 1837, the Grand Chapter of New York took action on the subject, and adopted a report expressing the opinion that "whenever a Royal Arch Mason presents himself to any Chapter under this jurisdiction for privileges as such, not having received the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, or any one of the said degrees, in a regularly constituted Chapter, he ought not to be admitted until he shall have been regularly proposed and duly received the degrees of which he may be deficient; and on such as he has received he ought to be healed to the support of the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, the Constitution, rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter of this State, and the By-Laws of the Chapter in which he claims this privilege."

The report on foreign correspondence is from the pen of the M. E. Comp. PHILIP C. TUCKER, and like everything else that emanates from that source, it bears the impress of a clear mind and an accomplished workman in the masonic quarries. The following remarks respecting the influences that are operating to bring about a uniformity of sentiment respecting masonic laws and practices are so well expressed that we cannot forbear to copy them:

"The uniformity of masonic practice has an importance attached to it which cannot be over-estimated. Whatever anomalies have been engrafted on the primitive usages and practices of masonry in other countries, and however the position of such countries may present obstacles to uniformity, in the opinion of your Committee it is not unreasonable to hope, that in this favored country we can, by proper efforts, prevent all parasitical corruptions from fastening upon us, and destroy the few which are struggling to obtain a lodgment. Full and free investigation, and candid and fraternal discussion, on the part of our *Grand High Priests, Committees of Correspondence, and the strong editorial brotherhood* now laboring in our cause, are the sources upon

which we must rely for that light which will correct discrepancies, and produce as near an approximation to unity of action as the imperfection of anything human is susceptible of attaining. It is doubtless true that minor questions will often arise in Lodges and Chapters which fall under no written and well-defined rule. A discussion of these, in the able periodicals devoted to the institution, will and does usually dispose of such questions satisfactorily in a very short time."

After writing at a considerable length upon the origin and locality of the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and speaking of the claims which the Supreme Council of the 33d set up to these degrees, the Vermont Committee say:

"If we correctly understand those claims, they involve the following propositions:

"1. That jurisdiction over the Royal and Select degrees belongs *of right* to the Supreme Grand Council of the 33d degree.

"2. That their oldest date in this country is under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Perfection of 1783.

"3. That the Grand Councils of Princes of Jerusalem had certified copies of them from Berlin in 1778, and then claimed jurisdiction over them.

"4. That the Grand Officers and the Sublime Council of Inspectors General have conferred them every since 1783 and have granted Charters for them.

"5. That they are only to be conferred on Knights of the 9th Arch and Royal Arch Masons.

"6. That they are not *regular*, but *detailed* or *side* degrees."

While your Committee express the opinion that the claims of the Supreme Grand Councils *are* as here stated, they do not feel at liberty to weary the patience or to take up the time of this grand body with an inquiry into the legitimacy or illegitimacy of those claims, for the reasons that the whole subject has been quite elaborately discussed heretofore, and that, in the opinion of this Committee, it will be the duty of this Grand Chapter and all of its subordinates and constituents to abide by the decision of the General Grand Chapter in the premises, whatever that decision may be. We cannot, however, overlook the special answer put in by the Vermont Committee to the position assumed by our predecessors on this Committee, respecting the views entertained by the General Grand Chapter in regard to these degrees, because we believe an erroneous and dangerous construction is put upon the meaning of the General Grand Constitution by this answer. Vermont says: "The Committee (New York) contend that the General Grand Chapter has not abandoned its jurisdiction over the Council degrees, and that the proceedings of 1829 and 1844 are yet in force. It might, perhaps, be a full answer to this position to say, that the General Grand Chapter is a body of limited powers, set forth and defined in a written Constitution, by *which no power to act on this subject is conferred at all, or ever was*, by all the changes which that instrument has passed through — *that no implied powers of this character are given to that body, and that whenever it has acted on this subject, its power has been assumed, and wholly arbitrary.*" The language of the General Grand Constitution on this subject is this:—"No Royal Arch Mason, within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, shall be permitted to confer *any degree in*

masonry not recognized as a constitutional degree." The phrase, "any degree in masonry" here is unqualified; it applies as well to degrees above as below the Chapter degrees; indeed it ranges through the whole scope of the masonic vocabulary, and prohibits the conferrence of *spurious* degrees wherever, among the rounds of the masonic ladder, they may be sought to be located. Its incorporation into the organic law of our national Royal Arch jurisdiction was designed to prevent our beautiful system of ancient masonry from being overrun and swallowed up in that vast maelstrom of masonic spawn and of illegitimate and spurious masonry under which many foreign jurisdictions have been submerged. Curtail the meaning of this phrase to the narrow limits of the Chapter degrees, and you not only render it nugatory and void for all practical purposes, but you open a wide field above and below those degrees for the cultivation of all sorts of hybrid masonry, whose only limits will be the utmost stretch of human fancy and imagination. It requires no exercise of "implied powers," no "assumption," no "arbitrary" legislation or judicial enactment on the part of the General Grand Chapter, to require of its adherents and supporters the abrogation of *spurious* masonry, or the recognition of *legitimate* masonry; and it has an absolute, indefeasible *right* to define *for itself, within its own jurisdiction*, what is masonry and what is not masonry. Take away this right and you destroy its vital prerogative—you remove the basis upon which the national fabric stands. We do not claim that its decisions are binding or susceptible of enforcement upon the other branches of the masonic family, farther than they see fit to be bound by them; but we do claim that they are binding upon its subordinates and constituents, while they continue in allegiance to it. Under the interpretation given by Vermont to the General Grand Constitution, a disciple of Dr. Wieselhaupt, of *Illuminati* memory, would be as eligible to the Chapter degrees as a regularly made Master Mason, and the General Grand Chapter would have no authority to prevent it. Weak and puerile indeed would be the powers of the General Grand Chapter could it not prohibit or correct so gross a wrong. It *was* then, in the opinion of your Committee, perfectly competent for that body to express its opinion, or to "pass resolutions relative to these" or any other degrees. These remarks are not made with any view to criticise the conclusions of our esteemed Companions of Vermont, for we recognize in them a very fraternal and enlightened Committee; but they are made in the honest belief that they may tend to correct misconstructions of constitutional law, which, if allowed to become generally prevalent, would essentially disparage the legitimate powers of the national grand body, and be productive of serious injury to Royal Arch Masonry in the Union.

It will be remembered that the labors of the Grand Chapter of Vermont were suspended in 1834. The hall in which it had been accustomed to meet was destroyed by fire a short time previous, and it was supposed that most of its jewels and clothing were burnt. Comp. PHILIP C. TUCKER, who was recently commissioned to make examinations, reports that he has found the old Charter of Green Mountain Chapter, which was issued by the Grand Chapter of New York; a Charter for the same Chapter, which was issued by the Grand Chapter of Vermont; the jewels for the first three Grand Officers, and several other articles of value, which are enumerated. These relics seem

to have survived both the material element of fire and the fires of anti-masonry.

The Grand Treasurer reports that he had *seventy-five cents* on hand at the close of the last annual convocation; he had \$8.02 on hand at the close of the recent convocation. We know from personal observation that these small sums form no index to the capacity of the hearts of our Vermont Companions. More liberal-hearted and hospitable Companions, as a class, do not live.

A Committee, to which was referred the reports of the past two years on foreign correspondence, introduced resolutions expressing the opinions that no appeal can of right be taken from the decision of the presiding officer in a Chapter, that a candidate is eligible to the degrees if he can do the work in them, and that it is inexpedient to establish a fund for the payment of Representatives to the General Grand Chapter. For the want of time to discuss these subjects, the report was laid on the table. There seem to be various opinions in regard to these matters in that body.

The venerable M. E. NATHAN B. HASWELL, after having, for many consecutive years, been elected to the office of Grand High Priest, performing the duties of that station with distinguished ability and with high honor to the Grand Chapter and his constituency, has declined a re-election; but another equally distinguished and talented Companion has been elected to succeed him, in the person of the M. E. PHILIP C. TUCKER, of Vergennes. The E. LEVERETT B. ENGBESBY was elected Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

We have the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island in a neat little pamphlet of thirty-three pages, containing their transactions at two annual, one special, and six quarterly convocations, ending with the 8th of June last. We find nothing in them of any special general importance, except it may be the report on foreign correspondence, which is from the pen of Comp. WILLIAM C. BARKER, Grand Secretary. Commenting upon the action of the Grand High Priest of Maryland, for refusing to install a High Priest elect of a subordinate Chapter, because he had been rejected in a Council of High Priests, Comp. BARKER says:

"Within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island no Council of High Priesthood, I believe, has ever existed. Companions have been elected High Priest and Grand High Priest, and served in said office, who have never received the order of High Priesthood, nor supposed that it was fundamentally necessary to the exercise of the duties of High Priest of a Chapter."

It will be remembered that this subject received a full hearing before this Grand Chapter last year, and was settled, so far as we are concerned, unless the rule shall be altered by higher authority, in the adoption of an able report, concluding with a resolution, "That a High Priest may be installed and enter upon the duties of his office, before receiving the degree of High Priesthood." The practice of our enlightened Companions of Rhode Island takes nothing from, but adds much to the force of this decision; for we beg to say, though few in numbers, there are few jurisdictions in the United States possessing a higher standard of masonic ability than that.

Comp. BARKER speaks of the journal of the annual transactions of this Grand Chapter, as "containing many valuable hints and suggestions upon our institution, diffusing a fund of light and knowledge, with copious extracts and comments upon the various reports from the different Grand Chapters throughout the States," and he recommends its perusal by every member of the order.

We notice that a Council of High Priests was formed for the first time in Rhode Island, at Providence, on the 11th of May last, at which several Past and Present High Priests were "duly consecrated and admitted to the 'Order of High Priesthood,' in solemn form," for which they were charged *three dollars each*.

The Grand Chapter of this State appears to have but four subordinates; the returns of three of these show a membership of 118. The M.: E.: JAMES HUTCHINSON is the present Grand High Priest, and the E.: WILLIAM C. BARKER, Grand Secretary, both residing at Providence.

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chapter of Kentucky has one of the largest constituencies in the Union, there being forty-nine Chapters under her jurisdiction, thirty-six of which were represented at the annual convocation, held at Lexington, on the 2d of September last. There is, for Kentucky, an unusual paucity of matter in the journal of proceedings before us; it does not appear that any address was delivered by the Grand High Priest, nor any business of particular importance done, unless we may except the granting of some five Charters to Chapters previously under Dispensation, and a *concurrence* in a concise and business-like report on foreign correspondence from the pen of Comp. JOHN W. TYDINGS. We feel somewhat complimented in his comparatively lengthy notice of our transactions, and in his particular allusion to the interest of our proceedings. Speaking of New York, he says: "The proceedings of this Grand Chapter are very voluminous, give evidence of great ability, and are full of interest to us, so much so, indeed, that we scarce know where to begin or where to end our comments." There are occasional variations, however, in the sentiment of the report, one of which we think it not improper to notice. Speaking of the resolutions that were presented by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to this Grand Chapter last year, our Kentucky Companion says: "The *second* was laid upon the table, in imitation, we suppose, of the General Grand Chapter." The resolution here alluded to is the one which defines the opinion of this Grand Chapter on the subject of maimed candidates; it was laid on the table, it is true; but if the intelligent writer had not allowed himself to be led away by the proclivity of his jurisdiction to disparage the reputation of the General Grand Chapter, he would have discovered, a few pages farther on, that the resolution was subsequently taken up and passed, though in a modified form. We beg to say, while the Grand Chapter of New York has not sought to thrust her opinions upon her neighbors with impulsive prematurity, nor examined with a "microscopic eye" into the venial errors of the national body, she has never hesitated to give those opinions promptly, unequivocally, and decidedly. One of those opinions we venture here to advance, yet with all due

respect for the differences of feeling that may be entertained in regard to its correctness. When a national government has been formed by the union of independent sovereignties, each of these sovereignties conceding a portion of its rights, and that government has breathed into a puny colony the breath of life, has taken it to its bosom, nourished it and watched over it till it has attained the stature of manhood, and then given it equal representation, equal rights, and equal privileges with the original sovereignties in the management and direction of its whole affairs, it is more respectful, more filial, and more fraternal for that younger member to seek the correction of any existing evils than to destroy its fair name by captious innuendos, to stir up revolt and rebellion among its constituents, or to dissuade others from joining its standard. But, perhaps, we misjudge the Kentucky Committee; let us see.

"Now, while your Committee agree with our New York Companions in the main in reference to the subjects aforesaid, they beg leave to differ with them in reference to the first resolution, and would ask them to point out to us '*the practical benefits and auspicious results growing out of the existence and action of the General Grand Chapter*,' which have inspired them with such '*unshaken confidence*,' for we must confess that we have been unable to perceive them, although we have sought for them with a microscopic eye. That general grand body has now had existence for more than half a century, if we mistake not, and what has it accomplished?—what are the evidences of its practical benefits, and the monuments of its vast utility? We pause for a reply, and ask our intelligent Companions of New York to answer where."

Again, says Kentucky:

"What right has the General Grand Chapter to decide as to the constitutionality of these degrees (the Royal and Select Masters), the Encampment degrees, or any other degrees over which she has no jurisdiction, and which are above or higher than those over which she has jurisdiction?"

To the former part of these interrogatories we reply: she has established two-thirds, if not three-fourths of all the Grand Chapters now existing in the Union; she has established many colonies of Royal Arch Masonry in territories where no organizations of the kind previously existed; she has regulated the orbits of the State Grand Chapters wherein, if they will prove true to the mission which she has confided to them, and to the laws which she has marked out for them, they may move in ceaseless harmony; she has controlled and settled, to a large extent, conflicting interests between State bodies which had otherwise remained unsettled, producing in their jarring contact disastrous collisions; she has agreed upon, and is now disseminating a mode of *work* which brings from the quarries of Maine and those of Louisiana, from the quarries of Michigan and those of Georgia, specimens of masonry which, when adjusted, will rear a temple, perfect in all its parts, and unequaled in beauty, symmetry, and grandeur, by anything in modern times, and she has cultivated harmony and fraternity among the great sisterhood of her subordinates. These are few of "the evidences," and but a few "of its practical benefits, and the monuments of its vast utility."

In reply to the last interrogatory propounded, we answer: she has the same right to decide the constitutionality of the degrees enumerated that she has to decide the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of one of her subordinates or constituents adopting and practicing *illumination* in the place of

masonry. "No Royal Arch Mason," says the Constitution, "within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, shall be permitted to confer *any degree in masonry*, not recognized as a constitutional degree." Are there not other degrees in masonry besides those conferred in Chapters? If yea, who can define better than herself, *for herself*, what she means by the term *constitutional*? Is it for each and every Royal Arch Mason in the land to decide this question? Our gallant and intelligent Companions of Kentucky believe that no degree is constitutional but the four ordinarily conferred in a Chapter. Maryland is equally sanguine that there are two others which may be thus enumerated; while New York is of the opinion that all regular masonic degrees are constitutional. Now who is to decide this question? Leave it to States, to individual Chapters, or to individuals, and you have decisions as variant as the diverging rays of the sun; leave it to the *national arbiter* and you have *one* decision for the guidance and government of all. In the former case, direct collision between State and State, between Chapter and Chapter, is the unavoidable result of the construction for which Kentucky contends. It must occur in every instance to which the principle is sought to be applied. Let Kentucky believe, if she please, that any act of the national body is unconstitutional. Who has given *her* the right to decide that question? No one. On the other hand, every State Grand Chapter which has joined in the national compact has conceded to the General Grand Chapter the right to decide those questions which grow out of her organic laws. And to those decisions her constituents must yield obedience; for we claim there is no middle ground between submission to those decisions and revolution, or secession. We beg to say, in conclusion, that the prosperity, unity, and harmony of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States very materially depend upon the maintenance of the General Grand Chapter and the Constitution under which it exists, in all their legitimate attributes and rights. We do not deny that there are imperfections in that Constitution; but let those imperfections be remedied by the proper authority, and when her sovereign pleasure and superior wisdom may dictate. Meantime let her subordinates *recommend and advise*, if they wish, and she will consider and act.

We had designed to notice some thoughts of Comp. TYDINGS respecting the change which has taken place in the sentiments of Virginia towards the General Grand Chapter, but the length of our remarks on the other questions forbids us to do so. Comp. TYDINGS wields an elastic and powerful pen, and we could pray that it might be a *prop* to the pillars of the national temple rather than a *trocar* to eviscerate its vitals.

The Chapter membership of Kentucky is 1233, of which ninety-two are ministers of the Gospel; and there have been 197 exaltations during the year. The next meeting of the Grand Chapter is to be held at Lexington, on the 29th of August, two weeks before the meeting of the General Grand Chapter. M.: E.: ISAAC CUNNINGHAM is the Grand High Priest, and E.: PHILIP SWIGERT, of Frankfort, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

We have the proceedings of the session of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, held at Jacksonville, September 30th, 1852. In consequence of the absence

of the Grand High Priest no address was delivered at the opening, but it was sent in during the session, and appears in the course of the proceedings. There were the Representatives of ten Chapters present, two of which appear to have been under Dispensation. A new Constitution was adopted, and a Committee was appointed to apply to the legislature for a Charter of incorporation. A cogent and well written report was presented, and resolutions were adopted in favor of paying mileage and per diem equally to the officers and Representatives of the General Grand Chapter. This principle of equality of mileage and per diem among the officers and members of that body seems to be most generally favored. The abstract principle of paying these allowances is opposed only, we believe, by *Missouri*. A very excellent report on foreign correspondence was presented to the Grand Chapter of Illinois, by Comp. H. G. REYNOLDS. He uses very different language towards the General Grand Chapter from that employed by Kentucky or by Missouri. "Prostrated and overwhelmed for a time," says the intelligent Companion, "by the relentless waves of fanaticism, the General Grand Chapter has risen, like a Phoenix, from the ashes of the immortal CLINTON! Ever since, she has been growing in importance and strength, until Grand Chapter after Grand Chapter has been formed in nearly every State in this Union. Soon we shall hear that one has been formed in California, and then will her Arch be complete. It will extend from the rocky summits of New England to the dazzling sands of the Pacific, bearing upon its golden surface in letters of living light, 'Holiness to the Lord!' Let us hope that at Lexington, Kentucky, where sleep the brave and the eloquent, silent in death, every Grand Chapter in the American Union will meet in a truly masonic spirit, forgetting past differences and grievances, profiting by the lessons of experience, and endeavor to do something for the good of masonry and the Union." The sound of these words we like to hear. It strikes the ear with the melodious notes of fidelity and devotion, and breathes a spirit that would apply the helping rather than the destroying hand.

In the lengthy, yet dignified and eloquent, address of the Grand High Priest, he recommends that the Grand Chapter assume the control of the Royal and Select Masters' degrees until such time as it can be shown to their satisfaction that another constituted body of Masons have a better legal title to them than they have. This course, it would rather seem, would have been adopted but for the fact that the Grand Council of Kentucky had formed a Council at Knoxville, in that State; it is hence left to the action of the General Grand Chapter to settle the question. The Grand High Priest submitted the following, among other questions, to the decision of the Grand Chapter, viz: "Is it lawful or proper for a subordinate Chapter to summon an officer of the Grand Chapter for any purpose to appear before said subordinate Chapter? If so, what Grand officers may be so summoned, or for what purpose or purposes may such Grand officer be so summoned?" It was decided as follows: "By the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, its officers are required to be members of subordinate Chapters. The jurisdiction of subordinate Chapters over their members is not removed by the election of such members to offices in the Grand Chapter, consequently such subordinate Chapter has a right to summon any grand officer who may

be one of its members, to appear before it for any of the purposes for which it can summon any other member." The principle here avowed seems to be rather republican; but, if a similar case should arise in New York, your Committee would dislike to see it applied, for two or three captious subordinates might disrobe the Grand Chapter of all its officers, besides, it is held in this jurisdiction that a man shall be tried by his peers. The decision of this question by the Grand Chapter of Illinois forms an exception in her proceedings. We have seldom taken up a copy of Grand Chapter transactions whose every page was marked with a higher degree of intelligence and masonic ability than is here presented.

There are fifteen Chapters in that jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 433, exaltations the past year, seventy-nine. The M. E. LEVI LUSK, of Rushville, is Grand High Priest, and the E. HARMAN G. REYNOLDS, of Knoxville, is Grand Secretary; Comp. REYNOLDS is also chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

MARYLAND.

The transactions of the Grand Chapters previously noticed have all been received through the Grand Secretary, and are all which have been thus received. The chairman of this Committee, as editor of the *Masonic Union*, having been favored by the politeness of the M. E. Comp. FRENCH, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, with the annual transactions of that body, feels it incumbent to pass them under review with the others noticed in this report.

The jurisdiction of Maryland includes the State bearing this name and the District of Columbia. The Grand Chapter convened on the 8th of November last, at Masonic Hall, Baltimore, the Grand officers being present, and "a due representation of Chapters." The address of the Grand High Priest is marked with the same elegance and ability that ever characterize the papers of Comp. FRENCH. The disability of the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence seems to have devolved upon Comp. FRENCH the same duty of reviewing the proceedings of other Grand Chapters that he performed last year, and he has done so, to use his language, "with the greater readiness for the reason that some of our most worthy and respected Companions of other grand jurisdictions have commented with some severity on some of the positions assumed by this (that) Grand Chapter." He feels somewhat sensitive about a certain "domestic matter," upon which several Grand Chapters expressed their opinions adverse to Maryland; it was for refusing to install a High Priest who had been elected in JERUSALEM CHAPTER, because he was rejected in a Council of High Priests, and had not received that order. He says: "The Grand Chapters of Connecticut, Vermont, Rhode Island, New York, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Louisiana, have done us the honor to notice this domestic matter of ours most especially, and they all question the propriety of the course pursued." With reference to New York, he remarks: "The Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of New York, at the head of which stood one of the best informed Royal Arch Masons in this Union, (Comp. JOHN L. LEWIS, Jun.), expressed an opinion favorable to the ground assumed

by this Grand Chapter, but the Grand Chapter solemnly reversed that opinion by a resolution, affirming 'that a High Priest may be installed and enter upon the duties of his office before receiving the degree of High Priesthood.' We will not dispute the right of the Grand Chapter of New York to take this course if they think proper."

We cannot blame the eminent Companion for seeking whatever consolation could be derived from so good an authority to help him out of the awkward position into which the uniform current of practice in his jurisdiction had led him; but it is worthy of remark, that the authority he quotes had himself *doubt* about the correctness of the action, for he recommended it to "the careful and serious attention of this Grand Chapter" for its opinion and decision. North Carolina is of the same opinion of New York on the subject, but she has not been quite as fortunate in the process of reasoning which she has adopted, and it has given Comp. FRENCH a fair opportunity to wield his analytical pen somewhat to her discomfiture. It is but an act of justice to our learned Companions of Maryland to say, that though their action was wrong in principle, it is difficult to perceive how they could have done otherwise than they did, considering the long and uniform course of their previous practice, or with a suitable regard for the dignity of the Grand Chapter, its honor or consistency. Comp. FRENCH thinks with Comp. STORER, of Connecticut, that the Past Master's degree "belongs to the Grand Lodge, and should be held solely under its authority, to be conferred only on the Masters of Lodges." This opinion, your Committee beg to say, is in strict conformity with ancient custom and usage; but the General Grand Chapter having incorporated that degree in its catalogue, giving to Grand Chapters "sole government" over it, it is respectfully submitted whether an amendment of the General Grand Constitution, allowing Grand Lodges and their constituents co-ordinate jurisdiction over it, would not be advisable? Should the Grand Chapter agree with this Committee on the subject, we would recommend to the Committee designed to be instituted by the resolution appended to this report, the consideration and presentation of the Past Master's degree for the action of the General Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Maryland adopted a report presented by Comp. FRENCH, calling the attention of the General Grand Chapter to the following subjects, and urging definite action thereon, viz: The jurisdiction of the degrees of Royal and Select Master—the legitimate duties and powers of a Council of High Priests—the establishment throughout the United States of a uniform system of work, and such measures as will insure proper instruction to the several Chapters, both grand and subordinate, and the settlement of all floating questions now drifting about the Royal Arch jurisdiction. We commend these several matters also to the consideration of this Grand Chapter. Action has previously been taken upon most of them, but they should be collated and instructions given to our Representatives to present them to the General Grand Chapter for consideration and definite action.

There are three Chapters in the District of Columbia, but one of which appears to have enjoyed "a high state of prosperity." This is COLUMBIA, No. 15, at Washington; one other has been visited with sickness and death, and the third has "done nothing." The proceedings before us show only four

other Chapters in that jurisdiction. What the membership of the jurisdiction is we are unable to state. The next annual convocation of the Grand Chapter will be held at Washington, in November next. The M. E. BENJAMIN B. FRENCH is Grand High Priest, and the E. JOSEPH ROBINSON, of Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

This concludes our review of the proceedings of those Grand Chapters which have favored us with copies of them; but we feel that we should not perform the duty that has been assigned to us did we not present, at least, an epitome of the doings of such other Grand Chapters as are noticed in the documents before us. We gather from the report of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut some matters of a good deal of interest respecting the Grand Chapter of

FLORIDA.

This Grand Chapter, from its first organization, has occupied a hostile attitude to the national body, and is like to continue in that attitude, unless the General Grand Chapter shall see fit to deviate from its accustomed rule, or the Grand Chapter of South Carolina shall make amends for past imprudence. Comp. STORER says: "At the time of the organization of the Grand Chapter of Florida there were three Chapters working in that State, two of which had received their Charters from the Grand Chapter of Virginia (a body, indeed, not owing allegiance to the General Grand Chapter), and the other had received a Charter from the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, and had paid for its Charter and dues to its mother Grand Chapter up to the time when it came under the jurisdiction of the new Grand Chapter of Florida. Immediately after the organization of the Grand Chapter of Florida a resolution was adopted by the convention to apply to the General Grand Chapter for admission as a member of that body. "This application," says Governor Brown, "was not made from a belief that allegiance was due to the General Grand Chapter, but from a spirit of harmony and deference to the opinions of so many Grand Chapters acknowledging a supreme head, and accordingly a respectful application was made through the Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter, and our application was repelled." The General Grand Chapter required of the applicant that she should show her authority for organizing a Grand Chapter, and that the subordinate Chapter which received its Charter from South Carolina, and paid for it, should "heal the irregularity" by paying to the General Grand Chapter \$90.00 for its Charter and regular dues from the time of its organization, inasmuch as the Grand Chapter of South Carolina was under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and had, therefore, no right to issue such Charter. This requirement the Grand Chapter of Florida (very properly, as we believe,) declined complying with, saying that she "knew nothing of the obligations which the Grand Chapter of South Carolina was under to the General Grand Chapter, and that if there was any irregularity in the transaction it was for those grand bodies to settle, as FLORIDA CHAPTER, No. 4, had performed its duty by paying for its Charter and all dues, unless it could be shown that the Grand Chapter of South Carolina was not an independent and regularly organized Grand Chapter." This is a statement of the circumstances, as related by Governor Brown, under

which the Grand Chapter of Florida maintains its hostile attitude to the General Grand Chapter, and if the statement be correct, of which your Committee can have no doubt, they cannot find in their hearts to censure Florida for the position she occupies. About the conduct of Virginia in this matter we have nothing to say, for she was independent of the General Grand Chapter, and we incline to the opinion that she had as much right to establish colonies in the unoccupied territory of Florida as the national body had; but for South Carolina to do this thing, while she acknowledged allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, whose Constitution positively enjoins that her jurisdiction "shall in no case be construed to extend beyond the limits of the State," is, to your Committee, inexplicable. It would seem that the first step towards the settlement of this most unfortunate difficulty would be for South Carolina to refund the amount which she has thus unlawfully received, and call in her Charter. This done, we incline to the belief that other obstacles which stand in the way might be removed with but little difficulty; and South Carolina seems to be the one that should move in the premises. In case of her inaction the General Grand Chapter has a duty to perform, which we hope will not be overlooked. Florida will favorably compare in intelligence and masonic ability with any jurisdiction in the United States, and, to say nothing of the principle of *union* which should characterize the sisterhood, her estrangement is a serious loss to the strength of our masonic edifice.

The order seems to be thriving there, for she has eleven subordinates, three of which received Dispensations during the past year.

TENNESSEE.

The latest intelligence from this State is respecting its annual convocation of October, 1851. Thirty subordinates were then represented. The report on foreign correspondence was principally devoted to the Royal and Select degrees. A Committee was appointed to consider "the propriety of dissolving all connection with the General Grand Chapter," who were to report at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

OHIO.

The Grand Chapter of this State met at Cleveland, October 27th, 1851, at which forty-three subordinates were represented. For want of time the Committee on Foreign Correspondence made no report. The business of the session was purely local in its character.

ALABAMA.

This Grand Chapter convened at Montgomery, December 2d, 1851. It is a very sound and enlightened body of Masons, and they adhere to the ancient landmarks with a fidelity that extorts our admiration. As the evidence of this we have only to quote their opinion—"that it is improper to confer the degrees upon one who is not of whole and entire limbs." Missouri says that the Committee of Alabama place New York in opposition to the General Grand Chapter; if so, we beg to call their attention to the remarks of this

Committee in reference to the unfilial position assumed by Kentucky, and repeat, that Pennsylvania, Florida, and Virginia are the only truants, and the one last named, we are happy to state, is now making its obeisance to that august body, preparatory to swinging into line.

The order appears to be in a very prosperous condition in Alabama. Among their Lodges and Chapters there is a predominating spirit on the subject of education, "revealing itself in large and well organized and well conducted institutions of learning and in their numerous attending beneficiaries."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

We have nothing from this State since the presentation of last year's report, and we are in the same situation in regard to *North* and *South Carolina* and *Texas*. With these remarks we conclude our review of the proceedings of *Grand Chapters*.

GRAND COUNCILS.

There are in the United States, we believe, six Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters, which are organized in the following States, viz: Connecticut, Kentucky, Alabama, Ohio, Georgia, and Tennessee. Where these degrees are conferred in other States, it is done under authority of Grand Chapters, or in Lodges of Perfection of the Scottish Rite. We have received the proceedings only of the two Grand Councils firstly named and of Georgia.

The Grand Council of Kentucky has sixteen subordinates, eight of which were represented at her annual convocation, held at Lexington on the 1st of September last. One of these Councils, however, appears to be located in Louisiana and another in Illinois. The membership in Kentucky is quite large. We doubt not it will be much larger when her soil comes to be fertilized by so liberal a principle as the following, which we take from her Constitution as recently amended, viz:

"All applications for the degrees of Royal and Select Master, in any Council under this jurisdiction, may be acted on at the presentation of the petition, and the degrees conferred instantler, if the applicant be found worthy."

Comp. PHILLIP SWIGERT, of Frankfort, is the Grand Puissant, and Comp. A. G. HODGES, Grand Recorder.

The Grand Council of Connecticut has the number nineteen on her list. Ten Councils were represented at the "annual assembly" held in New Haven, on the 13th of May last. The number of subordinates in the jurisdiction, and the granting of Dispensations for new Councils, indicate a state of prosperity among them. Comp. CYRUS GOODELL is Thrice Puissant Grand Master, and Comp. E. G. STORER, of Fairhaven, Grand Recorder.

NATIONAL GRAND BODIES.

A disposition, which is more than hinted at on the part of some of the Grand Chapters of the Union, to dissolve their connection with the General Grand Chapter, and a favorable sentiment in other quarters to merge the two national organizations into one, and attach to the consolidated government the additional power to rule over the destinies of symbolic masonry in the Union, together with the earnest, though respectful, call of the Grand Lodge

of Maine for this Grand Chapter to throw "whatever light" she may "incidentally reflect upon the subject" of the organization of a General Grand Lodge, with the hope, perhaps the expectation, that our Representatives will co-operate in the latter movement at the meeting of the General Grand Chapter in September next, forbid your Committee to remain silent on these momentous subjects, even had they desired to do so. Yet, while your Committee would feel it a privilege to discuss these grave and vitally important questions in all their details and bearings, they feel much restricted for the want of time and the unusual length to which this report has already attained, they will, therefore, epitomize their thoughts in a few of the more prominent bearings which seem to be involved. And, first, as to the withdrawal of some members of the sisterhood from the National Masonic Union. The jurisdictions which originally united in the formation of a General Grand Chapter were New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, and New York. According to our information of the subject, delegates from all the Chapters of these States, except two or three, assembled in convention at Hartford, on the fourth Wednesday in January, 1798, and "formed a Constitution for the government of the Royal Arch Chapters and Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters, throughout the said States." This we believe to have been the first Grand Chapter Constitution adopted in the United States, except it may be the one adopted in Pennsylvania, nearly cotemporaneously; indeed, we have it upon the authority of Grand Master WEBB, that "until the year 1797 no Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was organized in America. Previously to this period a competent number of Companions of that degree, possessed of sufficient abilities, under the sanction of a Master's Warrant, proceeded to exercise the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Chapters, whenever they thought it expedient and proper." All other Grand Chapters in the United States, besides those above named and Virginia and Florida, being seventeen in number, must look for the elements of their creation, indeed for the very basis of their present existence, to that Constitution which was formed in 1798, and, notwithstanding its occasional amendment since, it retains its every attribute of sovereign jurisdiction and its identity as fully, to all intents and purposes, so far as its sovereignty and individuality are concerned, as on the day of its adoption. Commencing with the Dispensation granted to Georgia Chapter, at Savannah, bearing date December 1st, 1804, the General Grand Chapter and its officers have gone on issuing Dispersations and Charters in new States, until her dominion, through either Grand or subordinate Chapters, is acknowledged in every State in the Union, except the three above named. No Mason has been *exalted* since 1798 in these several jurisdictions (constitutionally, at least,) but has sworn allegiance to the national body; no officer has been installed in any regular subordinate of those jurisdictions but has taken a like obligation. In twenty-eight of the States out of the thirty-one, where Royal Arch Masonry has an organized existence, not a Chapter or Grand Chapter has been formed since 1798 but upon the platform erected by the General Grand Chapter. Now, what is it, your Committee beg to inquire, that those States are seeking to do which would withdraw or secede from the General Grand Chapter? The act of

secession itself is an abnegation of the supremacy of that instrument which each and every member of the seceding body has sworn he will "support and maintain." The first act after the withdrawal is a declaration of supreme authority, on the part of the body withdrawing, *ergo* of independence of the General Grand Chapter; and yet the Constitution of the national body declares that "the General Grand Chapter shall have and maintain jurisdiction over all State Grand Chapters, * * and shall have authority to suspend the proceedings of such State Grand Chapters as may knowingly violate any of the provisions of this Constitution." Can the General Grand Chapter have jurisdiction over a State which repudiates its authority and declares itself sovereign and independent? If it have sufficient force and strength to maintain its independence we believe such a state of things to be impossible. If these premises be correct, and we believe they cannot be successfully controverted, it is no more a violation of the duties and obligations of a subordinate Chapter to declare itself independent of a superior authority, to hold its meeting without a Warrant, or to confer the degrees in the open public streets, than for a State body to secede from this national compact. If one portion of our obligations may be obliterated, so may another portion, and so may the whole of them; if one may be violated, so may another, and every ligament which binds the institution together may be severed, and every monument and pillar which sustains it may be removed with the same facility. But there is another question in this connection which it may be well for those States to consider which are contemplating this dangerous project. Without an exception they have been formed from powers derived from the General Grand Constitution — their bases are upon that instrument — its vital principles are infused through every artery of their organizations — the blood that courses through them, and flows on into their subordinates, starting them into existence, nourishing them, and binding them in harmonious allegiance to their jurisdictions, is pulsated from the great heart of the national body. Cut off this vital source of their existence and, we beg to inquire, what becomes of them? Remove the platform on which they stand, take away the foundation on which they have been erected, and, if they do not fall to the ground, we have mistaken the nature of masonic governments. Besides, what must the General Grand Chapter do with the recusants in the contemplated event? Her duty would be straightforward; she could not dodge the question, nor veer to the right or left, as on subjects of minor importance. The stalwart and irrepressible genius of masonic law, panoplied with *truth* and *justice*, would come forth from her portals, aye, and from the portals of every Grand Chapter in the land which was not engaged in the rebellion, declaring the territory *tainted ground, infected with the stains of violated law, and unfit for the countenance or fellowship of the sons of light!* There are other reflections, of but little less moment, that crowd for consideration upon the question of secession, such as the severance of fraternal ties, cutting loose the bonds of brotherly love, the jarring interests of conflicting jurisdictions, the jealousies and discords of rival powers, the absence of a common arbiter for the settlement of disputes, and last, though far from least, the diminution of our confidence in the integrity and unity of the American Republic, and, may we not include, too, the *existence* of Royal Arch Masonry

as a separate branch of the masonic fraternity? We leave all these subjects for the serious reflection of our Companions of Kentucky, of Missouri, and of Tennessee, and beg of them to recede from the precipice on which we believe they stand. We further beg that North Carolina and Mississippi will take some thought to themselves on these momentous questions.

Let us possess a spirit of *national unity*, and if there be anything defective in the common bond which unites us in one great, strong and mighty family, which we now are, let us fraternally co-operate in affecting its amendment; instead of diluting the national *cement* let it be made stronger and firmer; instead of taking away the pillars of our great temple let their foundations be made deep and "firm as the solid base of this great world," and let our Royal Arch ascend into and span those regions of enduring light, where its effulgence may shine upon the generations of mankind in ceaseless glory.

We turn, for a moment, to the second feature indicated at the commencement of this branch of our report. It was the Representative of Mississippi, we believe, who introduced a resolution into the General Grand Chapter to institute a Committee to "inquire and report" as to the expediency of abolishing the two national grand bodies, "with the view of establishing in their place a general convocation of masonic delegates representing all State grand bodies, to meet annually or triennially, at some central location, for the purpose of exercising a general legislative jurisdiction over all masonic bodies in the United States." The Grand High Priest of Mississippi, in a recent address before the Grand Chapter of that State, expresses his conviction in the propriety of this movement, unless "important amendments should be made to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter." We are happy to find the enlightened Committee of that State entertaining different sentiments; but the project has received encouragement in high quarters in some other jurisdictions. The most striking feature of such an organization, and which ought to repel the mind of every friend of ancient masonry, is its *anomalous attributes*. It seeks to converge in its mighty grasp a general superintending power over the three great branches of the institution. Masonry, true masonry, is fixed upon usages, customs and landmarks, which are claimed to be coeval with its existence, tolerating no innovations, no formations of novel structure; yet where in this wide world, where in the long history of masonry is there a shadow of such a triton monster as this? The hotbeds of Prussia and of France, it is true, have erected stupendous systems of *degrees*, but not, that we are aware, of *jurisdictions*; besides if the supreme authority in the French Rite has exercised control over all its various jurisdictional gradations, it forms no precedent for the imitation of ancient craft masonry. This latter, in its different departments, has a mission of its own to perform. The lines of demarcation are plainly indicated on the masonic chart, and every Mason understands them. But you institute *one* power to control the three departments, and those lines must, in process of time, be obliterated. To use an expressive term of exotic growth, a *fusion* will be the inevitable consequence; and, as there is, if our information be correct, a much greater regularity in the successive and consecutive degrees of the French Rite, the next step will be a substitution of that Rite for ancient craft masonry. There is in all this matter for the earnest concernment and consideration of the Grand Chapters of the Union. Influ-

ences that are now seeking the confidence of the masonic mind of the country, and exerting their potent spell to feed the ambition of our common natures, operating, perhaps, without design, in concert with this effort to establish a consolidated masonic government, plainly reveal a future of the gloomiest forebodings. But what, we inquire, must be the practical workings of a power which rises in gigantic proportions above all the Grand Encampments, Grand Chapters, and Grand Lodges of the Union? Surround it with whatever limitations of power the human mind can invent—circumscribe it with whatever restrictions human ingenuity may devise, yet it is over all, above all, and it is immeasurably more omnipotent than the parliament of Great Britain, for there the throne has a qualified veto and a judiciary to restrain parliamentary aggression; but here the *general convocation*, as it is denominated, has no conservative power behind it, no judiciary before it, but it may stride over the land with mighty tread, blotting out a State jurisdiction here—for some trivial cause spreading the pall of clandestine masonry over a State there, and swallowing up, in its capacious maw, whatever sovereignties, whatever rights or privileges, belonging to others, may impede its march. But who are to be the Representatives to such a body? Shall they be taken from Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, or Grand Encampments, or from all three? And what the details of the Constitution or compact that shall define its powers and privileges and regulate its movements? We leave these questions for the wisdom of those who have projected the scheme. We cannot, however, overlook or forbear to mention, that the establishment of such a national body involves a dissolution, and an entire remodelling of our present forms of State and national masonic governments. If this can be done with any regard to our masonic duties and obligations, and if the expected benefits can, in the opinion of the most sanguine believer, afford any recompense for the startling innovation that the scheme contemplates, we will hold ourselves prepared to discuss the details of the plan whenever they are presented.

The entire independence of this Grand Chapter from the Grand Lodge of New York, renders it a matter of extreme delicacy for your Committee to approach the subject of a *General Grand Lodge*, to which their attention has been called by the Grand Lodge of Maine; and but for the fraternal courtesy due to that distinguished body of Masons we would hardly feel justified in advancing any opinion thereon. Yet, in expressing the willingness which the Grand Chapter of New York ever feels to regard her co-laborers in the masonic vineyard, with the consideration and respect that are due to their positions, and for that purpose to advance near to the edge of her legitimate sphere, her Committee may feel somewhat relieved, in the present instance, from the embarrassment which might otherwise attach to their positions as the organ of the Grand Chapter, in the realization that the chairman of this Committee holds the same official relations with the Grand Lodge of New York that he does with this grand body, and is presumed to know something of its views.

Our Brethren in Maine believe that “the interests of free masonry in our country, in all its departments, would be greatly promoted by the formation of a General Grand Lodge of the United States”; that “the voice of a decided majority of the Grand Lodges of this country has been clearly expressed in favor of such an organization”; that “the progress already made

in the settlement of long-standing difficulties in some of the States, is one of the most encouraging evidences that a General Grand Lodge may be harmoniously and successfully organized"; and "that such an organization is highly desirable, that it may complete our national masonic organization." These, we believe to be the main reasons why they desire such an organization; and we will briefly answer them *seriatim*, according to the views entertained by this Committee. And 1st. Taking the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of the United States for our guides, there are many of them—and for the sake of the argument we will concede that they form but a minority; yet we are far from being sure of this—who are decidedly hostile to such an organization. They believe that the Grand Lodges are legitimately *supreme* in their respective jurisdictions—that the formation of a power above them would curtail the rights and privileges that they have ever exercised, and to which they are justly entitled—that it would absorb all powers within itself, and strike down State jurisdictions whenever they did not strictly conform to its exacting behests; the expense of maintaining it would be greater than the benefits to be derived, and in any event the objects of the institution would be better carried out in devoting that expense to charitable purposes. Its existence would be a source of jealousy, of ill-feeling, and of constant irritation on the part of the non-conforming jurisdictions; and such an organization is unheard of in the history of Blue Masonry, unless it may find a parallel in the United Grand Lodge of England and its provincial vassals, at which the republican genius of masonry in America very naturally revolts. Again, all, or nearly all, seems now to be *peace* in the symbolic jurisdictions of the Union. We think, therefore, that the *interests* of the institution cannot be promoted by the organization of such a body. Again, the "settlement of long standing difficulties in some of the States," there being general prosperity in that branch of masonry throughout the country, is the strongest evidence that can possibly be adduced why we should not disturb the well-regulated system of Grand Lodge jurisdictions; and this but confirms us in the long entertained opinion, that it is not possible for human wisdom to devise a mode of arbitrament, or of adjudication, and settlement of difficulties more just, more equitable, or less expensive than that now afforded in the thirty-three Grand Lodges of the Union, acting in their unbiased, independent, and sovereign capacities. We do not deny that a *closer union* may be formed between the Grand Lodges of the country, nor that their decisions may be made more authoritative than they are at present; but we have not the time, nor is here the place to present a project for bringing about these desirable results. That the institution of a National Grand Lodge is "highly desirable, that it may complete our national masonic organization," your Committee have extreme doubts. "Under the auspices and direction of our present systems of (Grand Lodge) government," if we may be permitted to adopt the language of the chairman of this Committee, used on another occasion, "the institution has been directed and controlled till it now enjoys a prosperity unprecedented in the annals of history. The Grand Lodges steadily and successfully move in their regular and legitimate orbits; through their agency the masonic empire of the Union is happily controlled; punishments are regulated and the rights of Brethren vindicated. Kind and

forbearing in the exercise of power, these bodies are composed of officers and members of subordinate Lodges, who, coming annually from the great body of Masons throughout each State, truly reflect the character, wants, and merits of their respective constituencies." Fully indorsing these views, and entertaining the firm belief that the establishment of a General Grand Lodge would be productive of more evil than good, your Committee feel it their duty to express their decided disapproval of the project. It is thought by this Committee that no advice or instructions are necessary to be given to the Representatives of this Grand Chapter to influence their action in the contemplated convention at Lexington, either favorably or adversely to the formation of a General Grand Lodge, as, whatever they may say or do therein, will be outside of their authority as such Representatives, and upon their individual responsibilities, so far as this Grand Chapter is concerned. To conclude, the Committee feel that they ought to disclaim for themselves, and for this Grand Chapter, any thought of influencing, in the slightest degree, any other grand body in this State from expressing such opinions, or from taking such action on the important questions upon which we have here commented, as their enlightened wisdom may dictate. The *secession* of a Grand Chapter and the *dissolution of the General Grand Chapter* are matters which deeply concern this jurisdiction, and respecting the formation of a General Grand Lodge we could not say less than we have said, while influenced by fraternal courtesy to our Brethren of Maine.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FINLAY M. KING,
L. G. HOFFMAN,
WM. SEYMOUR,

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Albany, February 1st, 1853.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That in addition to the matters heretofore reported by the Chapters of this State, they be, and are hereby required to ascertain, and in their annual reports hereafter submitted to this Grand Chapter, to set forth the names of all known Royal Arch Masons in their respective jurisdictions who are not members of any Chapters.
2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to set forth in his report of the annual proceedings of this Grand Chapter the number of members belonging to each Chapter which has made its returns, and the number of exaltations therein during the preceding year.
3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to collect, as far as he can, the annual transactions of this Grand Chapter from its first organization, and have four copies of them bound for its future use and reference, and that he draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the expense thereof; and that as often as the annual transactions shall sufficiently accumulate hereafter to form like volumes, they be bound and paid for in like manner.
4. *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to collate and present to this Grand Chapter during its present session such resolutions and matters

as are important to be settled by the General Grand Chapter at its next convocation, and that such Committee append a resolution to their report instructing our Representatives to present the several matters therein for the consideration and definite action of the said General Grand Chapter, at its meeting in September next.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of New York earnestly deprecates the disposition on the part of any Grand Chapter owing allegiance to the General Grand Chapter of the United States to withdraw therefrom; and should such withdrawal take place, this Grand Chapter will conceive it her duty to take such action in the premises as such a circumstance would justify and demand.

6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of New York is decidedly opposed to any alteration or modification of our national masonic government which may involve a dissolution of the General Grand Chapter.

The report was accepted.

Thereupon the Grand Chapter proceeded to consider the resolutions offered by the Committee, and the first resolution being under consideration, on motion :

Resolved, That the same do lie on the table.

The Grand Chapter proceeded further to consider the said resolutions, and Nos. 2, 3, and 4 were severally adopted.

The fifth resolution being under consideration, the same was amended by striking out the words following: "And should such withdrawal take place, this Grand Chapter will conceive it her duty to take such action in the premises as such a circumstance will justify and demand."

The question having been put, on adopting the fifth resolution as amended, the same was carried in the affirmative.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to consider the sixth resolution, and the same was adopted.

On motion of Comp. SKINNER :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, for the very able, interesting, and elaborate report, to which this grand body has listened with pleasure and interest.

The Grand Council appointed Comps. POWELL, KING, and A. H. BARTLETT, a Select Committee under the fourth resolution offered by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and adopted by the Grand Chapter.

The hour having arrived to proceed to the election of officers, on motion of Comp. WADSWORTH:

Resolved, That the election be postponed till to-morrow, at eleven o'clock A. M.

The Trustees of the Grand Chapter made the following report:

That there was received at the last session of the Grand Chapter,	
For dues from Subordinate Chapters,	\$1,263 50
For dividends,	268 00
For Warrants, Dispensations, etc.,	495 00
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	\$2,046 50
Expended at the last session,	1,751 35
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Balance,	\$295 15
Received the sum loaned,	\$750 00
Interest on same,	52 50— 802 50
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	\$1,097 65
Add the balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	11 04
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	\$1,108 69
Of this sum \$1,100 was loaned at seven per cent.,	1,100 00
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Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer,	
There has since been received the following sums:	
For dividends of Albany City Bank,	\$364 00
For dividends of Bank of Albany,	24 00
For Dispensation to Chapter at Wellsville,	90 00— \$378 00
The funds of the Grand Chapter consist of:	
Cash in hands of the Treasurer,	886 69
Loan, as above stated,	1,100 00
Loan to G. W. Ryckman, and interest,	7,680 00
Balance in hands of G. W. Ryckman	57 91
Stock in Albany City Bank,	8,800 00
Stock in Bank of Albany,	800 00
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Total,	\$12,824 60

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. LEWIS, Jun.,
JAMES W. POWELL,
JOHN S. PERRY,
S. GILBERT,
J. O. COLE,
WM. SEYMOUR.

Albany, February 1st, 1853.

The report was accepted, and was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Grand Secretary presented a statement of receipts and disbursements of the Grand Chapter at the last meeting and in the subsequent vacation, and the Grand Treasurer presented a statement of the money in his hands.

On motion of Comp. PERRY :

Resolved, That the sum of \$50.00 be paid to Comp. KING, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned till three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Comp. THACHER :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary prepare a list of the members of the Grand Chapter, at its present session, and have the same printed for the use of the members.

The Finance Committee reported as follows :

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of the Grand Chapter, beg leave respectfully to report :

That they have given the subject all the consideration their limited time would permit and its importance demands, and find the account correctly stated—that the total amount of the funds of this Grand Chapter, at this time, as appears by said report, is \$12,824.60—that of this sum \$7,787.91, being the amount of the loan to G. W. RYCKMAN and the balance in his hands as late Treasurer, is at this time wholly unavailable, and that it is a matter of much doubt whether it will ever be realized—that the available funds of this Grand Chapter amount to the sum of \$5,086.69, of which sum \$4,700.00 is safely and permanently invested, and the balance of \$386.69 is now in the hands of the Treasurer—that the annual receipts for many years have not been equal to the annual expenditures, and that the balance of the expenses has been paid from the interest received on invested funds.

In view of this state of facts your Committee would respectfully recommend the strictest economy in the disbursements of the Grand Chapter, and that no drafts be made upon the treasury except such as are of absolute necessity and clearly within the provisions of the Constitution, or for the benefit or improvement of the craft.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dated February 2d, 1853.

ST. JOHN B. L. SKINNER,
E. S. BARNUM,
JNO. N. HURLBURT.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Standing Committee on Charity made a report, recommending donations to the amount of \$80.00, which was adopted.

The Select Committee, to which was referred that portion of the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest which refers to the resolution of the Grand Chapter, at its annual session in 1851, on the subject of suspended Chapters, reported :

That the resolution referred to permits the revival of suspended Chapters on payment of \$30.00, on the petitions of members of such Chapter who were so when such Chapter ceased operations.

The reason for this liberal offer, doubtless, was to aid in the revival of masonry, which had been temporarily crushed under the anti-masonic tornado which swept with such violence over a portion of our jurisdiction. But masonry, like truth, "though crushed to earth," has risen again, and we have reason to believe that the glory of the latter house will be greater than the glory of the former. The offer of this method of reviving Chapters thus suspended was limited to two years, and will necessarily expire, by its own limitation, at the present session of the Grand Chapter.

Your Committee are of opinion that in the present prosperous condition of the craft, the necessity of continuing this reduction of price no longer exists. We presume that all the Chapters to whom this arrangement might properly apply have availed themselves of the liberality of the Grand Chapter, and we respectfully recommend that it should now cease, and that henceforth no Charter or Dispensation should issue except on payment of the sum required by the Constitution.

We, therefore, submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That no Warrant or Dispensation shall be issued to a subordinate Chapter, except on payment of the amount directed by the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

The report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

On motion :

Resolved, That NEW JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 47, having failed to hold an election on the day required by the Constitution, the members thereof are hereby permitted to assemble and hold an election at the next regular meeting of said Chapter after the close of this session of the Grand Chapter ; and that the officers so elected shall be installed and hold till the next annual election, and that the acts of the said Chapter which have been had in the meantime be and are hereby confirmed.

On motion :

Resolved, That RISING SUN CHAPTER, No. 131, having failed to hold an election on the day required by the Constitution, the members thereof are hereby permitted to assemble and hold an election at the next regular meet-

ing of said Chapter after the close of this session of the Grand Chapter; and that the officers so elected shall be installed and hold till the next annual election, and that the acts of said Chapter which have been had in the meantime be and the same are hereby confirmed.

The M. E. Grand High Priest announced that, in consequence of the absence of the Grand Chaplain, he had invited Rev. Comp. WILLIAM H. GOODWIN to deliver an address to the Grand Chapter, thereupon:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter will hear the said address to-morrow, at three o'clock P. M.

The Standing Committee on the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and find the accounts correct.

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

The Standing Committee on Warrants reported:

That they have considered the several applications for Warrants for Chapters, and the reports of the M. E. the Grand High Priest, and the Deputy Grand High Priest, of the Dispensations granted by them, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a Warrant be granted to CHARLES L. CHURCH, H. P., JAMES FOWLER, K., EMANUEL LYON, S., and others, to hold a Chapter in the City of New York, by the name of ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 141.

Resolved, That a Warrant be granted to THOMAS HENDRICKSON, H. P., CHARLES COBB, K., JOHN BOLTON, S., and others, to hold a Chapter in the City of Williamsburgh, in the County of Kings, by the name of DE WITT CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 142.

Resolved, That a Warrant be granted to JOSEPH ENOS, H. P., JONATHAN RICHARDSON, K., B. L. BULL, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Wells-ville, in the County of Alleghany, by the name of WELLSVILLE CHAPTER, No. 143.

Resolved, That a Warrant be granted to ARTEMAS TROWBRIDGE, H. P., ABRAM L. WOOD, K., WILLIAM B. STORM, S., and others, to hold a Chapter at Camden, in the County of Oneida, by the name of DARIUS CHAPTER, No. 144. That the Warrant for a Mark Lodge, held at that place, being returned, the sum of \$20.00 be deducted from the fee for the Chapter Warrant.

The report was accepted, and the resolutions were severally adopted.

The Standing Committee on Warrants made a further report, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That CAZENOVIA CHAPTER, No. 105, now held at Cazenovia, be permitted to remove to Chittenango, in the County of Madison.

Resolved, That RISING VIRTUE CHAPTER, No. 96, be and the same is hereby authorized to be held at Cape Vincent, with permission occasionally to hold meetings at Chaumont, in the county of Jefferson.

The report was accepted and the resolutions were adopted.
On motion of Comp. CHURCHILL :

Resolved, That the Grand Council be discharged from the consideration of so much of the report of the M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, as relates to the subject of PHENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, and the memorial of Comp. SEWALL T. FISK, and that the same be referred to a Select Committee.

Whereupon, Comps. MURPHY, WILLIAMS, and WESTCOTT were appointed the said Committee.

Comp. PERRY offered a resolution, declaring the Warrant of NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 109, forfeited, which having been read, was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Comps. KING, BINGHAM, and THAYRE.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned till to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3D.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

The Special Committee on Dormant Warrants, to whom was referred the petition of several dormant Chapters, praying to be revived, reported that they had had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That MT. HOREB CHAPTER, No. 75, at Kingston, in the County of Ulster, be revived upon the payment of \$30.00; that JOHN VAN BUREN be H. P., WARREN CHIPP, K., and EDWIN SMITH, S.; and that a new Warrant be issued, it appearing that the old Warrant has been lost or destroyed.

Resolved, That SACHONDAGA CHAPTER, No. 116, be revived upon the payment of \$30.00; and that NATHAN B. LOBDELL be H. P., SAMUEL DUNCAN, K., and ELI BEECHER, S., of said Chapter.

Resolved, That NORTHERN CONSTELLATION CHAPTER, No. 28, held in the Town of Malone, Franklin County, be revived on the payment of \$30.00; and that JOSIAH F. SANDERS be H. P., PHILLIP B. MILLER, K., and FREDREICK P. ALLEN, S., of said Chapter.

Resolved, That PALMYRA CHAPTER, No. 79, held at Palmyra, Wayne County, be revived on the payment of \$30.00; and that TRUMAN HEMINWAY

be H. P., MARVIN RICH, K., and EDMUND B. DEWEY, S., of said Chapter.

The report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted.

Comp. JOHN VAN BUREN, High Priest of MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER No. 75, took his seat as a member.

On motion of Comp. WADE :

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Charity be directed to entertain no petition for charity, unless the same be first presented to the Grand Chapter, and referred to them.

On motion of Comp. AUSTIN :

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to have the aprons belonging to this Grand Chapter trimmed with scarlet; and that he procure so many new ones as shall be necessary to make the whole number one hundred.

The lecture of the Mark Master's degree was then delivered by Comps. JOSEPH ENOS and EBENEZER WADSWORTH.

The Grand Council, to whom was heretofore referred the subject of Uniformity of Work, reported as follows :

The Grand Council having taken into earnest consideration the important subject of a plan for promoting *Uniformity of Work*, would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following propositions or resolutions as expressive of their views :

1. That there shall be one Grand Lecturer for the State under the authority of the Grand Chapter.

2. That the Grand Lecturer shall, before entering on his duties, receive a certificate of his skill and ability to give instruction in the work and lectures from the Grand Council.

3. That he may appoint assistants, if he shall deem proper, who shall act only on the production of a certificate of like qualifications, under *his* hand and seal, and who shall be compensated by him; such assistants in such case to have the same powers as the Grand Lecturer.

4. That the work and lectures taught by him shall be received and obeyed in all its parts, as the only true standard of work and lectures on the several degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, subject only to be changed by the authority of this Grand Chapter.

5. That it shall be his duty to visit every Chapter in this State personally, or by a qualified assistant, at least once during the year, and remain with them for at least one day, and longer, to be agreed upon between them, so as fully to instruct them in the work and lectures, as well as ceremonies, of Royal Arch Masonry in all its several parts and degrees; and shall be required to visit Chapters when requested at other times, if consistent with the discharge of the duty hereby imposed, at their expense.

6. That he shall be clothed with no other powers than such as are necessary to carry into full effect the foregoing provisions.

7. That ——— be, and he is hereby nominated said Grand Lecturer for the year next ensuing.

8. That after the Grand Lecturer shall have given reasonable notice of an intended visit, it shall be the duty of the proper officers of each Chapter to summon a convocation of the members for the purpose of receiving the Grand Lecturer, or his assistant, and listening to his instructions, for one day at least, and longer if agreed between the Chapter and the Grand Lecturer; and that a violation of this provision, or a want of conformity to the work and lectures taught, shall subject the Chapter and its Companions to the discipline of this Grand Chapter.

9. That the Grand Lecturer receive \$3.00 for each day spent in instruction, to be paid by the Chapter visited; and that he also receive, at the rate of the further sum of \$200.00 as an annual salary for his services, to be paid by the Grand Chapter.

10. That he shall annually report his action in the premises to the Grand Council, and this Grand Chapter reserves the right of arresting the operation of these provisions at any time by its own act, or through the Grand Council in the recess, who are hereby clothed with power for that purpose.

The report was accepted.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the consideration of the same by sections; and the question having been put on each section separately, it was determined in the affirmative, and the same were severally adopted.

The question being on filling the blank in the 7th section, it was

Resolved, That the same do lie on the table.

The Grand High Priest announced that, owing to the sudden illness of Rev. Comp. WILLIAM H. GOODWIN, he would be unable to deliver an address before the Grand Chapter this afternoon, as upon invitation he expressed a willingness to do.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. On counting the ballots it appeared that the following officers were duly elected:

Hon. JOHN L. LEWIS, Jun., of Penn Yan, Judge of the County of Yates, . . .	Grand High Priest.
JAMES W. POWELL, M. D., of New York, . . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
JOHN S. PERRY, of Troy, . . .	Grand King.
SYLVESTER GILBERT, of Ogdensburgh, . . .	Grand Scribe.
JOHN O. COLE, of Albany, . . .	Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM SEYMOUR, of Albany, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
Rev. SALEM TOWN, of Aurora, . . .	Grand Chaplain.
JESSE P. MITCHELL, of Albany, . . .	Grand Marshal.

JOHN PIERCE, of Albany, was appointed Grand Sentinel.

The officers were duly installed into their respective offices.

On motion of Comp. KING:

Resolved, That the Grand Council be requested to appoint a Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*, to act in the absence of Rev. Comp. SALEM TOWN.

The Grand Council having had certain questions proposed to them by Comp. SKINNER, of Plattsburgh, touching the rights and territorial jurisdiction of Chapters in this State, as well as of this grand body, and the alleged invasion of our jurisdictional rights by certain bodies, or individuals hailing, under a foreign jurisdiction, with whom we are not at present in correspondence (although we should be gratified in becoming so), and deeming its subject to be of great importance, answer as follows:

That the subject of jurisdiction is one which is not nor cannot be controlled by any general masonic law, applied at all times and to all circumstances, but depends upon the amity and usages of adjacent Chapters both Grand and Subordinate. In other words, while we claim territorial jurisdiction within this State, over the Chapter degrees, yet it is rather the concession of custom, and the subject of compact in the nature of a treaty, than of any hitherto established rule of positive enactment.

We would therefore recommend the action of the Grand Chapter on the subject, by way of such legislation as may meet the case, and as to the invasion of the jurisdiction, where we deem it the duty of the Grand Officers in the recess to protest against it, and should therefore address a respectful but firm remonstrance to the Provincial Grand Officers of Canada on the subject, and negotiate with them, yet the matter having been laid before the body, we prefer to ask its directions and instructions on the subject.

We would also respectfully suggest the propriety of some regulations touching intercourse with persons residing in this State, who have taken or shall take the Chapter degrees in another jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the subject be referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, That Comps. SKINNER, GILBERT, and VAN VLECK, be said Committee.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned till three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Comp. EDWARDS the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Intelligence has been communicated to this Grand Chapter of

the sudden illness of our M.: E.: and Rev. Comp. WM. H. GOODWIN, who had been selected by the Grand Council to deliver the annual address at the present session of this Grand Chapter, therefore,

Resolved, That this grand body receives with deep regret the intelligence which has just been communicated by telegraph to our M.: E.: Grand High Priest of the illness of our M.: E.: and Rev. Companion, and sincerely sympathizing with him in his affliction, unites in a prayer for his convalescence.

Resolved, That our Rev. and E.: Companion be requested to furnish a copy of the address which he had prepared to deliver before this grand body, for publication with the proceedings of the present session of this Grand Chapter.

Comp. KING, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the fourth resolution offered by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report :

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York :

Your Committee, to which was referred the fourth resolution presented by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence "to collate and present to this Grand Chapter during its present session such resolutions and matters as are important to be settled by the General Grand Chapter at its next convocation," beg leave to present the following report :

It is hardly necessary to speak of the universal desire, among the Grand Chapters of the Union, for the settlement of important questions that are now being discussed, and which have for a long time been agitated among them ; that desire is as wide as the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and imperious as the wants and interests of Royal Arch Masonry in the Union can possibly create. Your Committee believe that the omission of that high body to definitely settle these and other questions which have been brought before it, has been the main cause for that diminution of respect to which her position entitles her, and for the growing and dangerous disposition which has crept into the proceedings of several Grand Chapters to withdraw from her allegiance. The very general and very elaborate discussion of those questions relieves your Committee from saying anything in regard to their respective merits ; and as regards the question involved in the first four resolutions hereto appended, the opinion of this Grand Chapter has been, for *this* jurisdiction, authoritatively expressed in their adoption ; the fifth resolution presents a question which is yet open for such action as this Grand Chapter may see fit to take thereon ; it may be remarked, however, that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, have elaborately discussed the principle avowed in this resolution, and arrived at the conclusion that it is highly important that it should be adopted. The sixth resolution embodies the conclusions arrived at by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in their report to this body in 1852, and meets the approval of this Committee. The resolutions are as follows :

1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter recommend the adoption by the General Grand Chapter of the resolution proposed by a Committee of that

body at its last session (that of 1850), on the subject of establishing a Representative Fund.

2. *Resolved*, That we do not believe that Chapters have a right to confer the degrees upon Master Masons who have lost an arm, or who are under any disability either to receive the degrees in masonry, impart them, or be recognized as a regularly made Companion.

3. *Resolved*, That Chapters have not exclusive jurisdiction over the Past Master's degree, and that when the same is conferred on Masters elect by a Past Master, according to ancient usage, it is not *unmasonic* and *clandestine*.

4. *Resolved*, That a High Priest may be installed, and enter upon the duties of his office, before receiving the degree of High Priesthood.

5. *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, as far as our knowledge extends, those are constitutional masonic degrees only which are conferred in regular Blue Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Encampments of Knights Templars, and the appendent orders, Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and Supreme Councils of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," and their inferior jurisdictions.

6. *Resolved*, That there being no Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in this State, the Grand Chapter has control over these degrees, and that they may be conferred in her subordinates, and that when so conferred they should succeed the Royal Arch degree.

7. *Resolved*, That the Representatives to this Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter of the United States be, and they are hereby directed to present to that body, for consideration and definite action at its meeting in September next, the several matters and resolutions contained in this report, requesting the said General Grand Chapter not to delay the settlement of the same any longer.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. POWELL,
FINLAY M. KING,
A. H. BARTLETT.

The report was accepted, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to consider the said resolutions, and the first four resolutions were severally adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the fifth and sixth resolutions, on motion:

Resolved, That the fifth and sixth resolutions do lie on the table.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to consider the seventh resolution, and the question having been put, it was determined in the affirmative, and the seventh resolution was adopted.

Comp. MURPHY, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the election in PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, made the following report:

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of New York:

The Committee to whom was referred the protest of E. Comp. SEWALL T. FISK, in regard to the election in PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, and so much

of the report of the M.: E.: Deputy Grand High Priest, Comp. POWELL, as relates thereto, beg leave respectfully to report:

That they have had the subject under consideration, have examined the By-Laws and records of said Chapter, and have heard the several Companions interested in said subject, and after as full a consideration of the facts as the limited time in which the subject had been in their hands would admit, they beg leave to submit the following conclusions to which they have arrived.

That on the 15th, the third Wednesday of December last, an election was held in a meeting of PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, at the Masonic Temple, corner of Broome and Crosby streets, to which meeting the members of said Chapter had been called, for the purpose of an election by notices duly issued by E.: Comp. T. DUGAN, Jun., the then High Priest of said Chapter; that at said meeting the Chapter was duly opened by said High Priest, who was present through said meeting, and in said election E.: Comp. SEWALL T. FISK was declared duly elected High Priest, he having a majority of the votes cast, and after the election the officers were duly installed.

That on the next Wednesday evening, the fourth Wednesday in December, some of the members of said Chapter were present at the City Hotel, where the said Chapter was in the habit of meeting with JERUSALEM CHAPTER, No. 8, on the second and fourth Wednesdays, for the purpose of doing business, under some arrangement with said JERUSALEM CHAPTER, and said PHOENIX CHAPTER was then opened by M.: E.: Comp. POWELL, in the absence of the Warrant of said Chapter, and of the E.: Comp. FISK, who, the Wednesday previous, had been declared elected the High Priest of said Chapter, no notices for said meeting having been issued to its members; and the M.: E.: Comp. POWELL then after discussion declared the election previously held null and void, on the ground that it was not held on the regular meeting prescribed by the By-Laws of said Chapter, and then directed and held another election in said Chapter, at which E.: Comp. T. DUGAN, Jun., was elected High Priest, and then installed as such.

The amendment to the By-Laws, which was claimed to have rendered the first election void, was claimed to have been passed on the 3d day of July, 1850; fixing the second and fourth Wednesdays as also regular meetings; and as far as your Committee have been able to ascertain the facts in regard to the same, they believe that if said amendment was legally adopted, it was at the time intended only as a temporary arrangement, which subsequent acts and the uniform usage of said Chapter had annulled, and that the same was not supposed by any of its members to be in force. That the elections held in said Chapter since the passage of said amendment have uniformly been held on the third Wednesday in December, in each year, without question or dissent, and as appears by the records of said Chapter, the meetings on the first and third Wednesdays have been for a long time called and considered the regular meetings. That from such uniform usage of said Chapter — from the first election having been held after due notice to the members by the proper officers, and no objection to or protest against the same having been made by any member — the Committee are of opinion that the first election was duly and legally held, and that the officers elected on the said 15th day of December are the legal officers of said Chapter.

Your Committee would further state that they have been unable to find any authority by which the M.: E.: Companion was empowered to declare the said election null and void, or to order and hold another election, or to open the Chapter and hold an election in the absence of the Warrant of said Chapter.

In accordance with which views, your Committee beg leave to recommend the following resolution :

Resolved, That the election held in PHENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, on the 15th day of December last, was legally and duly held, and that the officers elected at that time are the legal and constitutional officers of said Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PETER P. MURPHY,
GEORGE N. WILLIAMS,
REUBEN WESTCOTT,
Committee.

The report was accepted.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution offered by the Committee, debate was had thereon, and the question having been put, it was determined in the affirmative, and the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Comp. THACHER :

Resolved unanimously, That the Grand Chapter do not question the purity of the motives of the M.: E.: Deputy Grand High Priest in his action in this case.

Comp. SEWALL T. FISK then took his seat as a Representative of PHENIX CHAPTER, No. 2.

Then the Grand Chapter adjourned till to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH.

The Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

Comp. KING, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the resolution on the subject of NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 109, made the following report :

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York :

The Committee to which was referred the resolution of the E.: Comp. PERRY, designed to declare the Charter of NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 109, forfeited, beg leave respectfully to present the following report :

The Constitution of this Grand Chapter, section 3 of article iv, declares that "every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons holding under this Grand Chapter,

shall pay into the funds thereof the following sums, viz: for the exaltation of every Companion to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, the sum of \$2.00, and for every member thereof, the annual sum of fifty cents; which said several sums shall be punctually paid during the session of this Grand Chapter, at their next regular annual meeting; and every Chapter which *shall neglect or refuse to pay the said sums at the times aforesaid, and continue so to refuse or neglect, without good reason shown to the satisfaction of a majority of the members present of this Grand Chapter, until the next regular session thereof*, shall be deemed the violators of this Constitution, and unwholesome members of this Grand Chapter, and shall therefore be punished by forfeiture of their Warrant, and expulsion from this Grand Chapter, and *only restored* by paying up all dues," etc. In the annual proceedings of this Grand Chapter for 1852, at page 63, it is reported over the signature of the Grand Secretary, that said NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 109, "had not made returns at the (that) present session." No reason whatever was then shown, nor has any reason since been shown for that neglect; and in the absence of such reason, your Committee believe it fully competent for the Grand Chapter to take action in the premises, and declare the Charter forfeited. A strict interpretation of the language of the Constitution would render it a matter of some doubt with the Committee, whether the omission to make those returns, and pay those dues *until the next regular session*, that is, the commencement of the present session, leaves the Grand Chapter to the exercise of *any discretion* in the premises, whether, indeed, it is not *imperative* upon this body to pronounce the decree of forfeiture. Again, this Chapter has neglected to make its returns, and to pay its dues at the present session. The fact that an *expelled* Mason has desecrated these hallowed precincts by his presence, though before the Grand Chapter was opened, and but for a moment, and stated that he was the *High Priest* of NASSAU CHAPTER, and that the returns had been sent to *him* to be presented by him to this body, instead of being the evidence that such returns were in existence, instead of being the act of making returns, and paying the dues as the Constitution requires, is rather the evidence of a disposition on the part of said Chapter to thrust insult upon this grand body, and to defy it to exercise its legitimate powers in any effort it may think proper to make to reprove or chastise such contumacy. Whether it be true or untrue, that this individual had in his possession, and was directed by the Chapter to make the returns and pay the dues, so far as the present question is concerned, makes but little difference; if true, it was an indignity to this grand body that calls for the most summary discipline; if untrue, the Constitution points out our duty, in the absence of "good reason shown" too plainly to be mistaken, in declaring the "forfeiture of their Warrant and expulsion from this Grand Chapter." Your Committee might stop here and subjoin a resolution, indicating the proper action to be taken in the premises; but there are some other matters in the history of this erring subordinate which we would be derelict in the performance of our duty did we omit to present. Your Committee are informed, upon authentic and reliable testimony, that NASSAU CHAPTER is in the practice of admitting expelled Masons to its meetings, and to participate in its labors; that a large proportion of its members are expelled Masons, and that the whole of them are confederated with irregular and clandestine bodies

claiming to be masonic. The name of its present High Priest appears in a pamphlet issued by a body of men in this State, claiming to be a Grand Lodge of Masons, which was, in effect, pronounced by this Grand Chapter, as early as 1850, to be illegitimate and spurious. If the members of that Chapter were otherwise in regular standing, it is not possible that they are, or were at the time of the election of the High Priest ignorant of this decision; nor could they have been ignorant of the fact that the individual so elected was an expelled Mason. Such insubordination and irregularity deserve the severest reprehension. It is regarded as no slight offence to the rules of our order even to fellowship with an expelled Mason; but to elect him to preside over the deliberations of a Chapter, to confer the degrees, and to impart the hallowed doctrines contained in our ritual, must infuse the poison of the corrupted source throughout every artery of the organization. Your Committee submit the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption:

Resolved, That the Charter of NASSAU CHAPTER, No. 100, be and is hereby declared forfeited, for neglecting to pay its dues to this Grand Chapter, for confederating with expelled Masons, and for electing an expelled Mason as its High Priest.

Resolved, That the Deputy Grand High Priest be and he is hereby directed to call upon the officers of said NASSAU CHAPTER, and demand its Warrant, jewels, funds, and property.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FINLAY M. KING,
BEZALEEL THAYER,
S. S. BINGHAM,
Committee.

The report was accepted and the resolutions were adopted.

Comp. VAN BUREN offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

Whereas, We understand that differences of opinion exist among some of the Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, in regard to the degrees of Royal and Select Master; some holding that the Chapters have the power of conferring those degrees, some holding the contrary; and again, some holding that those degrees precede the Royal Arch degree, and some holding that they follow that degree, and

Whereas, It is important that uniformity may exist; therefore,

Resolved, That the delegate of this Grand Chapter, to the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, is hereby requested to bring that subject to the attention of the General Grand Chapter, and endeavor to obtain some general regulation in the matter, to the end that the members of the different Grand Chapters may meet and be received in the several other Chapters of the United States on terms of equality and reciprocity.

Comp. SKINNER, from the Select Committee, to whom was re-

ferred the subject of the territorial jurisdiction of Chapters in this State, made the following report :

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Council on the subject of the territorial jurisdiction of Chapters in this State, as well as of this grand body, and the alleged invasion of our jurisdictional rights by certain bodies under a foreign jurisdiction, with whom this grand body is not at present in correspondence, beg leave to report :

That they have had the matter under consideration, and have come to the conclusion that this grand body has entire and sole jurisdiction over all Royal Arch Chapters within the State of New York, over all Royal Arch Masons claiming any of the rights and privileges of the order in any subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction : and may fix the territorial jurisdiction of subordinate Chapters—which right may be exercised by the Grand Council, or by the M. E. Grand High Priest, or his Deputy, during the recess—and your Committee would recommend that whenever questions of jurisdiction between subordinate Chapters shall arise, they be thus fixed and determined.

In regard to the invasion of our jurisdictional rights by certain bodies within a foreign jurisdiction, your Committee beg leave to submit the following statement, which they believe to be mainly correct : That there is a body of Masons located at Clarenceville, in Canada East, claiming to work under a charter from the late Grand Master of Masons of England, in which the degrees from Entered Apprentice to and including the Royal Arch, and also the Orders of Knighthood, are conferred on such persons as may knock at its doors from within this jurisdiction, for a nominal sum. That two or more persons, from within this jurisdiction, have received the degree of Royal Arch Mason and the accompanying degrees, as also the Orders of Knighthood in this body, and claim that they have received them in a “just and legal manner.”

Your Committee are not disposed to find fault with this body for conferring the masonic degrees upon persons residing within its own jurisdiction, at a nominal sum, or even without “fee or reward”; but they do feel that it is wrong in principle, and a gross breach of masonic courtesy, to hold out this as an inducement to persons residing within this jurisdiction to apply to them for introduction into the hidden mysteries of free masonry. It is believed that this action is not with the knowledge of the superior jurisdiction of Canada East.

Your Committee would therefore respectfully recommend that the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to open a correspondence with the Provincial Grand Master of Quebec, etc., Canada East, with a view to promote friendly and fraternal relations between the two grand bodies, and to prevent a recurrence of the evil complained of, and therefore ask leave to introduce the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ST. JOHN B. L. SKINNER,
S. GILBERT,
ISAAC VAN VLECK.

Resolved, That the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be requested, at his earliest convenience, to open a correspondence with the Provincial Grand Master of Quebec, etc., Canada East, with a view to promote friendly and fraternal relations between the grand body of Masons of that Province and this grand body, and to prevent a recurrence of the evils mentioned in the foregoing report.

The report was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded further to consider the report of the Grand Council on the subject of uniformity of work. The seventh resolution being under consideration, a motion was made to fill the blank with the name of JOSEPH ENOS. An amendment was offered that the Grand Chapter proceed to select a Companion to be nominated for Grand Lecturer, by ballot, which was determined in the affirmative.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to ballot, and upon counting the ballots, it appeared that JOSEPH ENOS had the greatest number of votes; whereupon,

Resolved, That the blank be filled with the name of JOSEPH ENOS.

And the said seventh resolution was then adopted.

The M.: E.: Grand High Priest then announced that Comp. JOSEPH ENOS was appointed Grand Visitor.

The Grand Council announced that they had appointed Rev. Comp. WILLIAM H. GOODWIN, Associate Grand Chaplain.

The M.: E.: Grand High Priest appointed Comps. F. M. KING, HOFFMAN, and SEYMOUR, a Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the ensuing year.

Comp. KING offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Doubts have arisen as to the powers which may be exercised by the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, when the Grand Chapter is not in convocation; therefore,

Resolved, That said Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, or either of them, are hereby empowered (subject to the review and final decision of this Grand Chapter) to suspend the Warrant of a Chapter, and close the same, and demand and receive its property and effects, when such Chapter or its officers shall be guilty of acts of contempt to the authority of this Grand Chapter, or other unmasonic conduct; to interdict masonic intercourse when necessary; to decide constitutional questions, and to enforce obedience to such decisions; to order new elections when such have not been held, or have been illegal; to conduct such correspondence with other jurisdictions as may be essential to its interests; and to exercise general supervision over all matters appertaining to Royal Arch Masonry.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Royal Arch lecture was then given by Comps. J. ENOS and WADSWORTH.

The Grand Secretary reported that the following Chapters were in arrear for dues, viz:—HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 4, three years; WARREN CHAPTER, No. 22, one year; WATERTOWN CHAPTER, No. 59, one year; NASSAU CHAPTER, 109, two years; and ORIENT CHAPTER, No. 138, one year.

Comp. THOMAS DUGAN, Jun., presented a protest against the decision of this Grand Chapter, in the matter of the election of PHOENIX CHAPTER, No. 2, and asked leave to present an appeal to the General Grand Chapter.

Ordered, That leave be given accordingly.

The minutes were read and approved.

Then the Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

JOHN O. COLE,
Grand Secretary.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIVED.

Received for dues,	\$1,380 28
“ “ bank dividends,	288 00
“ “ Dispensation to Wellsville Chapter,	90 00
“ “ Dispensation to Zetland, De Witt Clinton, and Mt. Horeb Chapters,	270 00
“ “ revival of Northern Constellation Chapter,	30 00
“ “ revival of Palmyra and Sachondaga Chapters,	60 00
Total,	\$2,118 28

EXPENDED.

For pay of members,	\$1,179 50
John L. Lewis, Jun., G. H. P., for travel and attendance,	29 20
James W. Powell, D. G. H. P.,	20 50
John S. Perry, G. K.,	6 00
Sylvester Gilbert, G. S.	29 00
Benjamin Enos, P. G. H. P.,	24 00
Ezra S. Barnum, P. G. H. P.	17 30
Achille J. Rousseau, P. G. H. P.,	8 00
Joseph Enos, P. G. K.,	41 00
Lewis G. Hoffman, P. G. K.,	8 00
Carried forward,	\$1,362 50

Brought forward,	\$1,862 50
James S. French, P. G. S.,	34 00
E. Wadsworth, P. G. S.,	8 00
John O. Cole, Grand Secretary, salary,	175 00
“ “ for postage, counterfeit, discount, etc.,	16 35
William Seymour, Grand Treasurer,	50 00
Jesse P. Mitchell, Grand Marshal,	18 00
John Pierce, Grand Sentinel,	29 75
F. M. King, per resolution,	50 00
Rev. Salem Town, per resolution,	25 00
For repairing Chapter Clothing,	25 00
Repaid Mt. Horeb Chapter,	60 00
For use of Masonic Hall,	25 00
C. Van Benthuyzen, for printing,	82 54
Charity,	80 00
Balance,	77 14
Total,	<u>\$2,118 28</u>

CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER.

No.	CHAPTER.	TOWN.	COUNTY.	Members	Exaltation	HIGH PRIEST.	KING.	SCRIBE.
2	Phoenix,	New York,	New York,	55	23	Sowall T. Fisk,	A. H. Bartlett,	F. Tillou.
4	Hiram,	Easton,	Albany,	60	24	No return.	W. A. Wharton,	Eli Perry.
5	Temple,	Easton, N. J.,	Columbia,	24	4	G. H. Thacher,	Peter G. Coffin,	H. H. Van Vleck.
6	Hudson,	Hudson,	New York,	55	16	John Hamilton,	S. C. Swartz,	E. W. Whipple.
8	Jerusalem,	New York,	Columbia,	14	5	Hamilton Dill,	Henry Hull,	Charles W. Hull.
13	Lebanon,	N. Lebanon,	Onondaga,	No return.	No return.	Josiah Wait,		
22	Warren,	Bridgewater,	Saratoga,	18	18	Reuben Westcott,	Harvey N. Hill,	George Millham.
23	Warren,	Ballston Spa,	St. Lawrence,	30	17	Zenas Clark,	Aaron T. Hopkins,	Nathan Parmeter, Jun.
24	St. Lawrence,	Potsdam,	Otsego,	17	1	Edward B. Crandal,	Henry Fisk,	George W. Atkinson.
26	Otsego,	Cooperstown,	Cayuga,	27	3	George Hart,	Warren Powers,	William Wade.
30	John the Baptist,	Moravia,	Cayuga,	54	5	Matthew Sittser,	Walter G. Simpson,	F. M. King.
34	David's,	Auburn,	Genesee,	42	7	Horace M. Warren,	Kimball Ferren,	George W. Miller.
35	Western Star,	Batavia,	Ontario,	31	5	Luther Kelly,	Samuel M. Morrison,	Elbridge Dakin.
36	Geneva,	Geneva,	Clinton,	25	1	St. Jno. B. L. Skinner,	Jeremiah Scribner,	Samuel Emery.
39	Plattsburgh,	Plattsburgh,	Chemung,	33	12	Thomas Maxwell,	Thos. C. Edwards,	A. G. Reynolds.
42	Elmira,	Elmira,	Tioga,	20	4	E. S. Madan,	John Ripley,	Henry M. Cormick.
47	New Jerusalem,	Owego,	Rensselaer,	64	9	John S. Perry,	Joseph W. Churchill,	J. B. Colegrove.
48	Apollo,	Troy,	Madison,	28	1	Jeremiah Wilber,	Daniel Younglove,	Isaac Phelps.
50	Cyrus,	Hamilton,	Montgomery,	16	10	Joseph White,	John Burrell,	Abraham Seaber.
53	Hiram Union,	Canajoharie,	Oneida,	60	10	Peter Brewer,	Edward Eames,	O. W. Whipple.
57	Oneida,	Utica,	Tompkins,	12	12	J. M. McCormick,	Caleb B. Drake,	Arthur S. Johnson.
58	Eagle,	Ithaca,	Jefferson,	No return.	No return.	No return.		
59	Watertown,	Watertown,	Monroe,	59	2	Sylvester H. Packard,	Edward Whalen,	Jacob Howe.
63	Hamilton,	Rochester,	St. Lawrence,	27	7	Sylvester Gilbert,	George Guest,	Nathaniel Taggett.
63	Ogdensburg,	Ogdensburg,	Cayuga,	21	5	Joseph W. Webb,	Nelson Peabody,	B. A. Shepperd.
64	Aurora,	Aurora,	Jefferson,	20	2	Isaac Van Vliet,	David Harlow,	Wm. Puffer.
68	Sackett's Harbor,	Sackett's Harbor,	Onondaga,	20	2	Geo. N. Williams,	John W. Cook,	Hiram Judson.
70	Syracuse,	Syracuse,	Erie,	93	23	Nehemiah Case,	Leroy Farham,	Lyman Brown.
71	Buffalo,	Buffalo,						

76 Fredonia,	Fredonia,	Chautauqua,	21	10	David J. Matteson,	Henry Bosworth,	S. H. Dickinson,
77 Fidelity,	Trumansburgh,	Tompkins,	31	4	Nicoll Halsey,	Henry Taylor,	Lyman Strowbridge,
78 Ames,	Lockport,	Niagara,	39	5	Peter P. Murphy,	N. L. Southworth,	G. W. Lusk,
91 Dansville,	Dansville,	Livingston,	37	2	Merritt Brown,	Aaron Brown,	Zenas Brockway,
92 Ovid,	Ovid,	Seneca,	23	1	Davidson Mosher,	John Kinne,	F. C. Williams,
95 Bath,	Bath,	Steuben,	12	..	Lewis Biles,	William Hamilton,	John R. Gansevoot,
96 Rising Virtue,	Chaumont,	Jefferson,	17	5	Roswell T. Lee,	Frederick Bell,	Zebulon Converse,
100 Penn Yan,	Penn Yan,	Yates,	38	5	Henry P. Sartwell,	L. Dusenbury,	Lewis S. Ayers,
101 Steuben,	Hornellsville,	Steuben,	60	14	John R. Stephens,	Nathan Stephens,	John D. Collier,
103 St. John's,	Greenfield,	Saratoga,	23	..	John S. Weed,	Henry Peacock,	Wm. Burnham,
105 Cazenovia,	Cazenovia,	Madison,	12	..	Enos Cushing,	William J. Hough,	Jarius French,
106 Greene,	Greene,	Chenango,	16	3	Augustus Willard,	Robert Monell,	Warren Gray,
107 Morning Star,	Lima,	Livingston,	37	9	John Newbury,	Alexander Martin,	George Smith,
109 Nassau,	Brooklyn,	Kings, .....	..	..	No return,	V. G. Barney,	David P. Bostwick,
117 Newark,	Newark,	Wayne,	36	7	John Daggett,	D. D. Benedict,	R. L. Allen,
131 Rising Sun,	Saratoga Springs,	Saratoga,	23	1	J. M. Wheeler,	Darius Clark,	Samuel Leonard,
132 St. Lawrence,	Canton,	St. Lawrence,	23	3	Paul Boynton,	Daniel King,	James M. Austin,
133 Phoenix,	Lansingburgh,	Rensselaer,	32	9	S. S. Bingham,	D. S. Wright,	William Cain,
134 Champlain,	Whitehall,	Washington,	15	..	Cyrus Boardman,	Andrew B. Simons,	Moses W. Babcock,
135 Mexico,	Mexico,	Oswego,	21	7	Bezaleel Thayer,	Marshal Cass,	W. Colville,
136 Forestville,	Forestville,	Chautauqua,	21	7	Albert H. Camp,	Elias B. Briggs,	Moses Camp,
137 Mount Morris,	Mount Morris,	Livingston,	32	7	John N. Hurlbert,	Philip C. Shaver,	Henry Schroder,
138 Orient,	New York,	New York, .....	..	..	Andrew J. Fisher,	George Park,	Peter Wentz,
139 Binghamton,	Binghamton,	Broome,	31	10	Tracy Robinson,	A. G. Bagley,	Chas. F. Newton,
140 Metropolitan,	New York,	New York,	42	20	A. Colveloni,	Jas. Fowler,	Emanuel Lyon,
141 Zetland,	New York,	New York,	27	14	Charles L. Church,	Chas. Cobb,	John Bolton,
142 De Witt Clinton,	Williamsburgh,	Kings,	16	2	Thos. Hendrickson,	Jonathan Richardson,	B. L. Bull,
143 Wellsville,	Wellsville,	Allegany,	35	22	Joseph Enos,	Warren Chipp,	Edwin Smith,
CHAPTERS REVIVED						Philip B. Miller,	F. P. Allen,
75 Mount Horeb,	Kingston,	Ulster, .....	..	..	John Van Buren,	Samuel Duncan,	Eli Beecher,
28 N'n Constellation,	Malone,	Franklin, .....	..	..	Josiah F. Sanders,	Marvin Rich,	Edmund B. Dewey,
116 Sachondaga, .....			..	..	Nathan B. Lobdell,		
79 Palmyra,	Palmyra,	Wayne, .....	..	..	T. Heminway,		
Total number of Members,	1,650.	Total number of Exaltations,	347.				

